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WORLD OF RADIO 1611 HEADLINES:
*The end of Radio Canada International
*Also news about: Argentina, Asia non, Australia, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Finland, Greece, Israel, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Micronesia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands non, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pridnestrovye, Romania, Russia and non, Spain, Sudan non, Tunisia, USA, Vatican non

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1611, April 5-11, 2012

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[repeated 1610 this week]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Fri 0329v	WWRB	5050	[confirmed]
Sat 0100v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB Area 51	[confirmed at 0130]
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	[confirmed]
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0500	WRMI	9955	
Mon 1130	WRMI	9955	
Tue 0930	HLR	5980	Hamburger Lokal Radio [new summer time shift]
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or maybe 1612 if ready in time]

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WRN ON DEMAND:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/#world-of-radio

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/customize-panel/addToPlaylist/98/09:00:00UTC/English

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DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS

Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** ABKHAZIA. /ARMENIA: Radio Republic Abkhazia (``Apsua Radio`` in Russian and Abkhazian) on 1350 kHz was noted 15 March with news in Abkhazian followed by local songs. It disappeared at 0430 and then V. of Russia via Armenia was heard in Turkish (with ID and old pop songs in English) until 0500, IS and ID in Russian and close down at 0501.

In the afternoons, Renovira is audible until 1615-1625 (most likely a local FM station in Sukhumi broadcasting only in Russian and announcing 107.9 MHz, which is listed for Radio Soma in WRTH 2012). No rumbling sound from two transmitters, if one is on odd frequency (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, 17 March, MW Report, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. R. TIRANA, Albania. Observed on 7530 kHz at 2100 UT on

Tuesday March 6th with news, Press Review, In Focus and Mailbag programme with mention of one Grant Skinner and Alan Roe, also a couple of Japanese listeners. Poor propagation at this time so not sure if Grant Skinner heard this programme (Edwin Southwell, England, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

7425, March 30 at 0130, R. Tirana sign-on has now been changed to give the correct times and frequencies for the only two English broadcasts left, unlike on March 27; poor reception with T-storm noise in the area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. 7295, RTV Algeria. Probably via France (or new own transmitter?) again on SW after almost 3 months absent. Heard on 25/3 at 0400 with s/on in Arabic with National Anthem and ID ìHuna Dzhezzair, Idaatu Korano Kerimî (here is Algeria, Radio Qoran Kerim). Also noted at 1800 on 11955 on 26/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD) Aoki and HFCC still say France (Craig Seager, ed., ibid.)

The 7295 date was also the one and only occasion when I heard it, before cut off, nothing further since (gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, March 29 at 1322, just for old times` sake I check the LRA36 frequency on another once-active Thursday and still find it missing. At least no other broadcaster has moved in on 15475, lucky icies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. RA, QRM al por mayor --- Muchachos, la interferencia que genera el transmisor de LRA R. Nacional en 6060 es pavorosa. Como consecuencia de alguna falla, no solo genera salpicaduras en la banda de 49 m, recibo seÒales espurias desde tan abajo como 5500 kHz, y ahora llega hasta las inmediaciones de los 12 MHz! (supongo que armÛnicos o vaya a saber quÈ). Una pena realmente.

Por unos pocos dÌas estoy disfrutando de unas vacaciones en la localidad costera de Cuchilla Alta, a 72 km al este de Montevideo :-) Por aquÌ una de las acepciones de "cuchilla" es una sierra o cadena de cerros o elevaciones que se extiende por muchos kilÛmetros. Supongo que los desarrolladores del poblado habr·n usado su imaginaciÛn "marketinera" y aprovechado el hecho de que a pesar de estar junto a la costa, la entrada al poblado desde la ruta est· un poco m·s alta que los alrededores y de allÌ el nombre. 73, (MoisÈs Knochen, temporalmente en Cuchilla Alta, Uruguay, March 31, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

MoisÈs es como una sierra continua como si fuera un ruido de una fuente que llega hasta pasado los 15000 KHz? (Ernesto Paulero,

Argentina, ibid.)

No, lo que yo escuchaba hoy era el audio horriblemente distorsionado del transmisor de 6060 kHz abarcando un continuo de cientos de kHz... y reapareciendo en la banda de 25 m. Lo comparÈ con la seÒal de R. Nacional en 6060 kHz y era eso (creo que transmitÌan f˙tbol a esa hora). Esos espurios no es la primera vez que aparecen, pero nunca abarcando un rango tan extenso de frecuencias. Saludos, (MoisÈs, ibid.)

Lamentablemente esto biene pasando hace rato pero se nota que nadie se ocupa, evidentemente la gente de la planta lo ˙nico que hace es prender y apagar los transmisores pero nada m·s. Entiendo que no haya dinero talbÈs para la reparaciÛn pero creo que entonces es preferible que lo dejen apagado y asÌ la plata que se est· gastando en energÌa inutilmente porque es inescuchable se podrÌa invertir en reparar el equipo. Creo que esto se va a solucionar cuando las interferencias afecten a alg˙n servicio p˙blico o cuando el transmisor no ensienda m·s por la falta de mantenimiento (Federico Fuleston, Argentina, March 31, ibid.) with his own orthography

AquÌ en Montevideo, lo mismo. Toda la banda queda polucionada por ese splatter, parejito, parejito. Los dÌas que est· de buen humor, ese transmisor sale pura portadora y un audio bajÌsimo y apretado en el fondo, que se solapa con R·dio Deus È Amor, a quien no logra sobremodular del todo, produciendo un heterodino que te taladra el cerebro. Esperemos que alguien se dÈ cuenta y lo arregle pronto... 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, ibid.)

En 12120 kHz la armÛnica se recibe casi que mejor que la fundamental 6060, hasta con mejor audio. 73 (MoisÈs Knochen, April 2, ibid. WORLD OF RADIO 1611)

15655, 29/Mar 2200, RAE em espanhol. ID nos diversos idiomas. Forte sinal esp˙rio, atÈ sem antena ele chega com bom sinal, j· em 15345 apenas o sinal com uma modulaÁ„o quase inaudÌvel. O sinal ocupa desde 15652 atÈ 15669 kHz (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west
Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. USA: RADIO FREE ASIA STARTS NEW QSL SERIES ñ IBB RELAY SITES APRIL 2012

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces a new series of QSL cards recognizing the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) relay sites used for RFA programming. RFA currently uses, and confirms broadcasts from the

following IBB sites: Biblis, Iranawilla, Kuwait, Lampertheim, Saipan and Tinian.

The first card of this series is from IBBís Tinian relay site. In this picture you are facing north from Tinianís Tower 16, part of antenna 305L, overlooking the antenna fields. The transmitter building is at the upper right side of the picture and above it you can see the Island of Saipan to the north of Tinian.

This is RFAís 45th QSL overall; it will be used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports for April-July 2012.

Visit us at http://www.rfa.org or at http://www.techweb.rfa.org

Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl @ rfa.org and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports
Radio Free Asia
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300
Washington DC 20036
United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker. Harry Scott, Radio Free Asia
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, April 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2310, VL8A Alice Springs NT, 30 and 23 March 1000 with good audio (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key)

2325, VL8T Tennant Creek NT, 30 March at 1030 good signal (Wilkner)

2485, VL8K Katherine NT best signal during week of 23 to 30 March at 1000 to 1100. Often good music. (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key) (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7; XM - Cedar Key - South Florida NRD 525D - R8A - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Everyone, First decent reception of Australian regionals for quite a while for me. And all 3 coming in on 120m! Brilliant. Here is a snippet of 2485 kHz from Katherine which was the strongest. ABC news.
http://www.box.com/s/7755bb4466e8cf755f6c
(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

`Brilliant`, `decent`, in DXer terms. Lots of storm noise (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. R. Australia was supposed to start regular DRM

broadcasts April 1, but I am wondering if they have been delayed? Have tried 19000 a few times between 01-03 with no DRM noise heard; of course, any even-MHz is a bad choice for an analog Wadley Loop receiver like the FRG-7 generating its own birdies.

6080, April 4 at 1254, could not detect any DRM noise, where it is scheduled at 11-13 (but no AM either). Nor on 9890 after 1300. The schedule publicized was:

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``Time (UT)  kHz   Target               DRM mode
0100-0300 19000  central Pacific      C 10 kHz 16QAM level 1 11 kb/s
0700-0900  7410  south-west Pacific   B 10 kHz 64QAM level 2 24 kb/s
0900-1100  9475  south-west Pacific   B 10 kHz 64QAM level 2 24 kb/s
1100-1300  6080  west Pacific & PNG   C 10 kHz 16QAM level 1 11 kb/s
1300-1500  9890  central Pacific      C 10 kHz 16QAM level 1 11 kb/s
1500-1700  5940  SE-Asia              C 10 kHz 16QAM level 1 11 kb/s
1700-1900  9475  SE-Asia              C 10 kHz 16QAM level 1 11 kb/s
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(Nigel Holmes, Chief Engineer, Radio Australia via Craig Seager, Australian Radio DX Club via Alokesh Gupta, March 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1609, DXLD 12-12)`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No sign yet of the new RA DRM frequencies, said to be effective from 1st April. Tried 19000 on 1st & 2nd April 0100, nothing but local noise. Similarly 7410 at 0700 & 6080 at 1100. Regards, (Craig Seager, ARDXC via DXLD)

I'm assuming the DRM demand will be for local Pacific and Asian broadcasters to use for relaying news etc. But thinking about it RA has multiple outlets on both Intelsat 5 and 8 which are free-to-air and receivable with a very basic satellite dish and receiver. Cheers, (Mark Fahey, ibid.)

DRM is confirmed as not operational:

Greetings All, Reply from John Westland at RA below:

Ian, Weíre struck some unforeseen delays in establishing the DRM schedule from Shepparton. Of course we are as excited as anyone in getting DRM on the schedule. We see it as a very useful second tier distribution means into remote locations (for feeding small FM community stations) and hope to see it very soon. Regards, John Westland, Head, Distribution (via Ian Johnson, April 3, ARDXC via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. HCJB Falls for DRM hype! (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

HCJB AUSTRALIA ENGINEER VISITS GLOBAL TECH CENTRE

The DReaM Team, from left to right: John Winemann, Jim Childs, Daniel Forrer, Herb Jacobson, Fabio Soares, Charles Jacobson [caption]

During January/February, HCJB Australia broadcast engineer, Daniel Forrer, and his family travelled to Elkhart, Indiana, USA to help with the final stages of refurbishment of our HC100 transmitter. HCJB Australia is expecting delivery of this transmitter to Kununurra in the coming months. It will be our first digitally capable transmitter.

Daniel writes: It seems only yesterday that Charles (and Jeanie) Jacobson, Technical Manager, HCJB Technology Center, collected us from Chicago airport and chauffeured us to ìourî house.

Arriving from hot Kununurra we welcomed the cool evening with its gentle snow ó the first for us since Switzerland eight years ago. Keen as kids are, they prayed for more. Not surprising then, it snowed through the night. Next morning we shovelled the steps and driveway clean. Besides building a snowman and digging an igloo weíve been busy working on the transmitter.

The transmitter was completely overhauled since it arrived from Ecuador and waits for its DRM upgrade. DRM (Digital Radio Mondial) is a technique that broadcasts digital radio signals, which have better reception quality (similar to FM radio). [sic]

Today we prayed for Herb, respected chief engineer among the 50 people here. His request: that God may grant him strength to fulfill the work He has called him to do. The Lord is granting this. This is Herbís 63rd year working with HCJB (40 years in Ecuador).

Others on the DRM team include Fabio Soares, John Wineman and Jim Childs (who flew in from Ecuador for the month and is programming the DRM controller). Jim works long hours and loves his cherry coke.

The main goal, for Herb and I (within this month) is to examine and improve transmitter components that affect broadcast signal quality. DRM is a demanding new technology and pushes the limits of high power signal generation. My previous experience in digital radio in Switzerland is coming in very handy ó progress is faster, but itís still a challenge to complete things in time. If you see a picture of a running DRM transmitter in the next newsletter you will know that the DReaM has come true. We very much appreciate the assistance of the Team at Elkhart! (Voice and Hands Australia [HCJB newsletter], March via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 6010, R Bahrain, 1808, March 28, English news closing with "... reminder of the top stories ...", local weather. USB, frequency

is clear again now that CRI Chaozhou has left (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands (TenTec RX-340, 25m. longwire), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. BR1 is carried on 1170 kHz between 0400-1600 and on 6080 kHz between 1430v-2100 (WRTH Monitor update 5 April via DXLD)

** BELARUS. 7255, Radio Belarus, 2110-2210, English programming with local pop music. Local folk music. Into listed Russian at 2200. Audio slightly muffled. Poor to fair. Occasionally mixing with Nigeria, which was intermittently on and off the air, but off the air most of the time. // 11730 - poor to fair. March 29 (Brian Alexander, PA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX Listening Digest)

That third frequency, which used to be 7360, has been cancelled at the beginning of this year, at the same time when 7390 became 11730. Tonight this 11730 is on air as usual, i.e. pretty undermodulated, and the second remaining transmitter is on 7255 where it suffers severe adjacent channel interference from stronger Santa Maria di Galeria on 7250.

And not only Radio Belarus is missing on 1170, the transmitter was also off before 1900 when Voice of Russia used to be carried (with Russian 1700-1900). Has it been shut down altogether? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Apr 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. DX-ANTWERP SPECIAL EVENT AND ANNIVERSARY SHORT-WAVE BROADCAST AND OPEN DAYS

On May 19 and 20th, DX-Antwerp vzw (the only DX and shortwave listeners Club in Belgium) will be having their annual open days. This year, however, we also celebrate the 30th anniversary of this association. To mark this event, we are also putting other activities on the calendar.

At first, during the week before the open days, on May 12th we are airing, a special anniversary short-wave broadcast as follows:

TARGET	UTC	kHz	STATION	ITU	MOD
India	0430-0530	17880	Issoudun	F	AM
Western-Europe	0800-0900	9680	Issoudun	F	AM
Western-Europe	1200-1300	6015	Issoudun	F	DRM
North America East	1400-1500	17880	Montsinery	GUF	AM
India	1530-1630	15775	Issoudun	F	DRM
North America West	1700-1800	21680	Montsinery	GUF	AM
North America	2000-2100	17755	Montsinery	GUF	DRM

via http://www.broadcast.be

A special QSL card was designed for this occasion. Send a report by ordinary mail to DXA QSL c/o TDP Radio, PO Box 1, B-2310 Rijkevorsel or e-mail to dxaqsl @ gmail.com

During the open days on the 19th and 20th of May we will of course have our traditional demo-setups, where our fellow DX-friends will be happy to answer your questions. In addition to all previously known equipment, there will be even more demos to see and hear, among these, new specials are the FiFi SDR FunCube, Bonito Radiojet 1102S, etc. .. Even the technicians of the Belgian Institute for Post and Telecommunications will be there again.

For the 30th Anniversary of DX-Antwerp there will be a series of presentations and demonstrations as well.

Saturday, May 19:
10.30: Radio wave propagation and prediction (revised) by Frans Verheyden (ON5GO)
13.30: Lecture and demonstration about everything concerning SDR applications by Willi Passmann (DJ6JZ) (in English).
15.00: Talk about thunder, lightning, and side effects on antennas. Frans Verheyden (ON5GO)

Sunday, May 20:
10.30: Presentation of Ostend Radio film of Wilfried Derynck (ON6EO), employed at Ostend radio.
13.30: Presentation and demo about the FunCube and all its applications by Jan Poppeliers (ON7UX) (AMSAT)

Place to be is: "De Schorren" Graspolderlaan 32, B-2660 Antwerpen-Hoboken. Look here: http://g.co/maps/gmtz8

We hope to receive your reports, comments and/or suggestions. Furthermore DX-Antwerp is happy to welcome you during the 30th anniversary open days. Updates: via http://www.dx-antwerp.com
(Guido Schotmans, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.8, Radio Eco, Reyes 2340 to 0020 stronger than usual signal with music om. Good to have this one back. 29/30 March (Wilkner)

4451.2, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma much stronger than usual signal 2335 to 0030 29/30 March (Wilkner)

4699.6, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta 1030 good strong signal 30 March (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key)

4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura 2335 to 0020 exotic music excellent signal.

Great opening to Latin America 29/30 March (Wilkner)

4795.87, Radio LÌpez, Uyuni 0930 to 1025, deep fades om with music,previously not noted for over a month. first noted 1010 on 29 March. Seems only on local CP morning as not noted 2300 to 0100 (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key) [WORLD OF RADIO 1611]

5580.2, Radio San JosÈ, 0000 unusually strong signal 2325 with music on 29 March (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D - 746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7; XM - Cedar Key - South Florida NRD 525D - R8A - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Propagation here has been good lately. Unfortunately, the sun now rises an hour earlier.

3309.97, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 0953-1005 March 26 SS; M & W announcers with ballads & talk between music bits; no discernible ID/announcement noted at ToH; fair in ECCS-USB. (Barbour-NH)

4716.19, R. Yura, Yura, 0023-0050 March 27 SS; Continuous LA ballads; announcer at 0046 with distorted audio; back to music & zinger ID at 0049; fair-good; best heard here in quite some time (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H., NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.82, R. Santa Cruz heard on extended sked UT Sun & Mon, weekends only? Nonstop music fade-in circa 0400 to ID, closing at 0608* one day, 0504* the next day (Bryan Clark`s DX report, RNZI Mailbox April 2 via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Re 12-13, Brazil MW reports: Glenn, Neat to see a report of reception of the MW operation of R. Itatiaia, 610, Belo. Its DA maximum is straight north, and they operate with 100 kW at least local daytime), so I've been wondering ever since we set it up whether there would be reports from E. N. America and Europe. There is a photo I took of the antenna system on Ydun Ritz' website (Ben Dawson, WA, Hatfield-Dawson, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4914.99, R·dio Difusora, Macap·, 0805-0820, Brazilian pop music. Ballads. Portuguese talk. Ads. IDs. Fair. March 30 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 6180 // 11780, April 1 at 0139, RNA back in whack, unlike a week ago with huge spurs around 5985 and 6085; and also OK circa 0500 in all-night UT Sunday broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. R·dio Trans Mundial - Novo QSL (New QSL-card)

Amigos, Novo QSL da R·dio Trans Mundial. Para o presente perÌodo a RTM est· com QSL novo para confirmar informes de recepÁ„o sobre sinais de ondas curtas. A imagem do QSL e outras informaÁ¡es est„o na DXWays-br: http://dxways-br.blogspot.com

Divulguem esta informaÁ„o aos seus colegas de r·dio. A RTM tem confirmado informes de recepÁ„o corretos e completos quando estes s„o recebidos. Temos agora uma nova oportunidade de buscar a confirmaÁ„o nas 3 frequÍncias de OC da RTM: 5965, 9530, 11735 kHz. Att., (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, April 1, radioescutas yg via DXLD) Viz.:

No presente perÌodo a Radio Trans Mundial estar· aplicando este QSL para confirmar informes de recepÁ„o com dados completos e corretos. Foi criado um link no site da RTM para orientar os que n„o tem o h·bito de escrever e enviar informes de recepÁ„o, de como faze-lo. Para os demais, a oportunidade de rever sobre o que j· praticam.

Basta acessar o link:
http://www.transmundial.com.br
Clicar em 'cobertura rtm'
Clicar em seguida em 'InformaÁ¡es para DXistas'
Como resultado, um modelo de informe de recepÁ„o aceito por emissoras que costumam avali·-los e confirmar a veracidade do mesmo por meio de suas confirmaÁ¡es (cart„o QSL, carta confirmatÛria).

Freq¸Íncias da RTM:
 5965 kHz - 49m
 9530 kHz - 31m
11735 kHz - 25m
(considera-se um informe de recepÁ„o para cada frequencia)
Outras informaÁ¡es, no link da RTM acima mencionado (dxways blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. R. Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre is active only on 9550 kHz; 6160 and 11895 kHz are inactive.
R. Caiari, Porto Velho is reported back on 4785 kHz.
R. Marumby 11725 kHz and Voz Mission·ria 11750 kHz are inactive
(WRTH Monitor update 5 April via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11915+, April 1 at 0200 timesignal and Portuguese timecheck for ``onze horas``, in the ``capital Ga˙cha``, by YL, poor signal slightly on the hi side, i.e. R. Ga˙cha, Porto Alegre RS. It`s less off-frequency than 11925++ R. Bandeirantes, as I step up 10 kHz with the BFO, and which is *not* inactive despite the a*terisk in WRTH 2012. I never hear 11915 when I am tuning later at night; maybe signs off at local midnight 0300 UT? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 0302, April 2. Cuban jamming on top of the Classic Country Theater; cowboy radio drama (ìThe Lone Rangerî); 0335 start of ìGunsmokeî (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6160, April 2 at 0601, echoing CBC News from both CKZN and CKZU, where no effort is made to synchronize them. One is slightly weaker than the other, no telling which.

6160, April 3 at 0547, Marc and someone else mentioning rcinet.ca so presumably `The Link` in overnight CBC domestic relay, which at this hour would be from CKZN Newfoundland, not yet CKZU Vancouver with same programming delayed 4 hours, presumably the understation with some music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC budget cut by $115M over 3 years
http://www.cbc.ca/news/arts/story/2012/03/29/federalbudget-flaherty-cbc-cuts.html
(via Harold Sellers, Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

BUDGET CUTS CBC SPENDING BY 10 PER CENT OVER 3 YEARS
CTV Edmonton Canada March 29, 2012

Ottawa - The annual grant the CBC gets from taxpayers is being chopped by 10 per cent over three years. The corporation, which has been a Tory target for years, the offered no immediate details on how the eventual cut of $115 million will affect television, radio and online services.

"CBC/Radio-Canada will review its approach for dealing with this reduction in a way that doesn't overly compromise its strategy for the future," the corporation said in a statement Thursday. "The measures that CBC/Radio-Canada intends to take over the next three years will be set out in greater detail for our employees and the Canadians we serve as soon as possible."

The CBC's union said it plans to meet with management early next week, and will be involved in the layoffs to come. "This is a sad day. We don't yet know exactly what these cuts will mean for CBC/Radio-Canada services and employees," Marc-Philippe Laurin, president of the Canadian Media Guild's CBC branch, said in a statement.

"However, this is a major cut that will surely have a devastating impact on CBC services by 2015." ...
http://edmonton.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20120329/budget-cuts-cbc-120329/20120329/?hub=EdmontonHome
(via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

Has there been any talk about the impact on CBC services, specifically Radio Canada International?? (Bill Leal, March 29, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Haven't seen anything yet (Harold Sellers, Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca March 30, ibid.)

Searching various articles on the CBC cuts, I haven't seen any talk of what might happen to RCI. But I would guess more cuts are on the way.

One of the Harper government's policies has been to encourage immigration to Canada, thus the 2006 revamp of RCI programming, particularly "The Link." I think that emphasis will continue, but on what platforms? The immigrants Harper is targeting are those with lots of money who will come to Canada and boost the economy. Such demographics probably have internet/smartphone/satellite access, so SW might be irrelevant in reaching them.

It might make sense for the CBC to either sell or shut down Sackville, as RCI's target audience might best be reached by leased time on transmitters closer to the target countries, if any SW is to be kept.

The budget cuts are tough, but the Canadian government is trying to avoid the same mess numerous other countries have gotten into with huge budget deficits. And if/when the overheated Canadian housing market bubble implodes, the economy will be in huge trouble.

RCI pretty much died for me when it went to the "Link" format; rarely listen any more. I miss the domestic CBC programming that used to be on SW, but that is available on the internet like so much else these days (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxdldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST

According to the live chat going on right now http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2012/04/04/cbc-budget-cuts.html the CBC is shutting down shortwave transmissions. No details on timing as yet (Mr. Sandy Finlayson, Philadelphia, PA, 1747 UT April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here are two links with more info on the CBC cuts.
http://www.cbc.radio-canada.ca/newsreleases/20120404.shtml
http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/site/budget/en/

On the second one, if you click on the ìTransforming Radio Canada Internationalî link it explicitly states all Shortwave is being cut. Sorry to be the bringer of depressing news from my homeland. It makes you wonder what RCI will still be doing. If they are ceasing news production, satellite and shortwave broadcasts there's not too much left to keep. SF (Sandy Finlayson, swprograms via DXLD)

RNW did this a few years back - the feature programming (such as it is) remains, but no live newscasts embedded in the editions as they're aired around the world. So you make the feature program (e.g. "The Link") once each day and that's it. And if Sackville goes, so does the Northern Quebec SW service. RC (Richard Cuff, PA, ibid.)

I was wondering more about what would happen to the broadcasters which use Sackville as a relay, especially Radio Japan and Radio Korea (Ted Schuerzinger?, ibid.)

RADIO CANADA TO LEAVE SHORTWAVE --- From the SWLing blog.
http://swling.com/blog/2012/04/radio-canada-international-to-end-shortwave-broadcasts-sackville-to-be-closed/

http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/site/budget/en/

..In line with plans to modernize the public broadcaster, as outlined in Strategy 2015, Radio Canada International (RCI) will undergo a transformation that amounts to phasing out its shortwave and satellite services so it can focus on webcasting. This will account for almost $10 million in annual savings for CBC/Radio-Canada by 2013-14. RCIís transformation is consistent with currently shifting media consumption behaviours, as well as strategies adopted by other public broadcasters... (via M Peraaho, April 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

French side says:
TRANSFORMATION DE RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International (RCI) met fin ‡ la transmission par ondes courtes et par satellite et concentrera donc sa diffusion sur le web.

Il n'y aura plus de bulletins de nouvelles et les sections russe et brÈsilienne seront fermÈes. Ainsi, RCI se concentrera sur les cinq langues les plus parlÈs par son auditoire: franÁais, anglais, espagnol, arabe et mandarin.

+ RCI poursuivra sur le web sa mission de faire rayonner ‡ l'Ètranger les valeurs dimocratiques canadiennes; a diclarÈ Hubert T. Lacroix. Cette transformation de RCI devrait permettre d'Èconomiser 10 millions de dollars.

http://www.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/societe/2012/04/04/005-radio-canada-repercussions-budget_federal.shtml
(via Dan Say, BC, swprograms via DXLD)

Canada: La TRANSFORMACI”N de Radio Canad· Internacional (RCI)

(((Lo que debe saber)))

En lÌnea con los planes de modernizaciÛn de la cadena p˙blica, tal como se indica en la Estrategia 2015, Radio Canad· Internacional (RCI) se someter·n a una transformaciÛn que equivale a la eliminaciÛn gradual de la onda corta y los servicios de satÈlite para que pueda centrarse en la difusiÛn por Internet.

Este cuenta con casi $ 10 millones en ahorros anuales para CBC / Radio-Canad· para el aÒo 2013-14.

La transformaciÛn de RCI es coherente con la actualidad, cambiando los comportamientos de consumo de medios, asÌ como las estrategias adoptadas por otros organismos p˙blicos de radiodifusiÛn.

"De ahora en adelante RCI ofrecer· servicio de radiodifusiÛn multiling¸e en InglÈs, francÈs, espaÒol, ·rabe y mandarÌn que se esfuerza por ayudar al p˙blico a descubrir y sobre todo entender la vida democr·tica y cultural y los valores en Canad·", dice Hubert Lacroix T., Presidente y CEO.

Adem·s, RCI ofrecer· al p˙blico nacional e internacional, Un contenido en lÌnea en cinco idiomas (francÈs, inglÈs, espaÒol, ·rabe y mandarÌn) en lugar de siete. Las secciones de Ruso y PortuguÈs de RCI cerrar·n.

"Esto nos permite concentrar nuestros esfuerzos en lo que se encuentran entre las comunidades m·s grandes de Canad· de orÌgenes diversos".

Tras esta decisiÛn, CBC / Radio-Canad· cerrara la transmisiÛn de onda corta desde Sackville, New Brunswick.

(((Lo que esto significa)))

Fin de la transmisiÛn vÌa satÈlite y onda corta
Fin de la producciÛn de los noticieros de RCI
Cierre de las secciones BrasileÒa y Rusa de RCI
Casi $ 10 millones en ahorros anuales para CBC / Radio-Canad· para el aÒo 2013-14

FUENTE: Very sad news: CBC/Radio Canada to shutdown Sackville, NB transmitter site. http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/site/budget/en/
Por Robert James Finn en la pagina de fan de Ontario DX.

*No hay fechas para esa decisiÛn aun? (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia. DXLD)

Estamos descubriendo nuevos sinÛnimos: TRANSFORMACI”N = MODERNIZACI”N

= CONCENTRACI”N DE ESFUERZOS = NUEVAS ESTRATEGIAS = ONDA CORTA Y MUERTA (RubÈm Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

I think I spotted the same thing that Sandy saw in a blog post from Marc Gollon at the CBC, dated 1:42 PM (presume ET):

"CBC will shut down shortwave transmission."

Also At 2:08 PM: "changes to RCI announcing today are a step forward. Not abandoning mandate but must fill it differently, he says."

I saw nothing else (yet) specific to RCI.

Source was the same Sandy pointed to:
http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2012/04/04/cbc-budget-cuts.html
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, swprograms via DXLD)

Eww - One wonders if Babcock (ex-VT, ex-Merlin) would be interested in the Sackville site. It is probably one of the best half-dozen transmitter sites for reaching North America via shortwave.

I know historically the only financial arrangements RCI could make using the site were reciprocal / barter arrangements -- meaning they couldn't simply rent transmitter time RC (Rich Cuff, PA, interneteradio via DXLD)

Yeah, but not to be overly cynical, who -- other than perhaps China -- wants to reach North America on shortwave and has the budget that will allow them to purchase Sackville time? (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

And if that's the case (and if you will forgive a political comment) I don't think we need to help the PRC to broadcast to North America!
SF (Sandy Finlayson, PA, ibid.)

This has been announced today:

Radio Canada International (RCI) will undergo a transformation that will see the service move away from shortwave and satellite transmission in order to focus its efforts on the web. The service will also end the production of news bulletins and close its Russian and Brazilian departments in order to concentrate on the five languages most spoken by its audiences: French, English, Spanish, Arabic, and Mandarin. ìRCI will continue, on the web, to pursue its mission of disseminating Canadian democratic values abroad,î says Lacroix." Full text here
http://www.cbc.radio-canada.ca/newsreleases/20120404.shtml
(Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

This is not unexpected, and pretty much a death announcement for RCI on shortwave. As I mentioned in an earlier post, Canadian government policy is to encourage immigration to Canada, particularly people who are well educated and have money, and whose presence would boost Canada both economically and socially. Such people probably already have access to the internet, so SW is virtually irrelevant in reaching them.

Big question is: What happens to Sackville? With RNW Bonaire closing in October, the choices are becoming scarce for those few broadcasters still interested in targeting the Americas on SW (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GOOD-BYE RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Due to severe budget cuts to the CBC, Radio Canada International is cutting two out of every three jobs and is eliminating shortwave and satellite broadcasting. The Sackville transmitter plant is to be closed which will also affect the CBC Northern Quebec Shortwave Service as well as a number of international broadcasters who rely on Sackville for a reliable signal into North America.

The RCI announcement is available at the following link:
http://www.rcinet.ca/english/news/15_56_27_2012-04-04-rci-slashed/
(Mark Coady, Ont., NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

These cuts are indeed depressing, but the CBC has gone through this sort of retrenchment before and has managed to survive. It's interesting to see that they are considering advertisements on Radio 2. I'm old enough to remember when adds were dropped from CBC AM radio. Things seem to be coming full circle.

One of the things that hasn't been mentioned, but the most profitable broadcast property the CBC owns is the Hockey Night In Canada franchise on TV. It is up for renegotiation at the end of the 2014 NHL season. At the very least the CBC will have major competition for this and could well lose it altogether. While HNIC is expensive to produce, it brings in huge revenues and the CBC could well find themselves in even more trouble (Sandy Finlayson, swprograms via DXLD)

Indeed that would be a sad loss. I enjoy listening to that during the day. Yes, I know it's on the web, and also on Satellite to that community, but it's another example of shortwave used for local / domestic programming that would be lost (David Goren, ibid.)

Wish I could say that this is sad news but RCI hasn't been worth listening to for several years now. I would be much more unhappy if

CBC North Quebec service on shortwave were to end. If Sackville is to be shut down, it seems unlikely this service will continue, at least on shortwave (Will Flynn, PA, dxldyg via DX LISTTENING DIGEST)

Will, I feel much the same way you do. I pretty much lost interest in RCI in 2006 when "The Link" format began and the domestic CBC programming was dropped from SW. I've only occasionally tuned in since then, to find the air staff sleepwalking through some rather dull programming. Morale at RCI has obviously been scraping the bottom for several years; the latest news might actually be a relief to the staff with some finality in play instead of endless guessing about when the axe might fall.

Any Sackville closure will have a domino effect on several other broadcasters, such as NHK, KBS, and Voice of Vietnam, all users of that facility. NHK would get a double whammy, as it also uses RNW Bonaire, which is closing in October. Decisions on the need for / importance of SW to the Americas from Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam will need to be made soon.

Of course there is still Montsinery, which has even more time to fill these days after the recent RFI cuts (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

04 april 2012, 15h55 RCI slashed --- Picture:
CBC President Hubert Lacroix announced cuts to RCI on Wednesday (CANADIAN PRESS/Pawel Dwulit)
http://www.rcinet.ca/english/news/15_56_27_2012-04-04-rci-slashed/

Spending cuts announced last week in Canada's latest federal budget have reached Radio Canada International. Speaking to employees at RCI's headquarters in Montreal on Wednesday, RCI director Helene Parent declared that two out of three RCI employees---about 40 people---will lose their jobs by the end of July. RCI's Russian and Portuguese sections will be closed along with the English and French-language newsrooms. All shortwave broadcasts will cease as well. RCI will continue to exist solely on the Internet in five languages---English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Mandarin.

=== in case there was any doubt. (via gh, dxldyg WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

And in case there is still a doubt about this particular aspect:

>>>>> Following this decision, CBC/Radio-Canada will be closing its shortwave transmission site in Sackville, New Brunswick. <<<<<
http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/site/budget/en/

And the RCI news item indicates that less than four months are left. Do frequency managers of SARFT, Babcock, Radio Vatican, KBS, NHK and IBB already know that they can forget their Sackville slots as of August or will they now read it here first? (And if that's not the case: Blame not yours truly but the CBC's communications department and editorial staff for the confusion. I only refer to what they put online.)

Of course Babcock could boldly step in and offer the CBC to take over the Sackville plant, an option outlined by them in some paper a few years ago. But would they really want to engage in this dead horse?

Here's a photo of that scary meeting yesterday, with the necessary pointing out of the awful newspeak the CBC is using by calling the whole development a "transformation" while it looks that just a website will remain, with RCI ceasing to be radio (or will they still maintain a live stream with their beloved "The Link" come-to-Canada format?):
http://rciaction.org/blog/2012/04/04/budget-slashed-shortwave-and-newsrooms-to-be-eliminated/

By the way, developments at the CBC used to be discussed at http://www.insidethecbc.com (apparently a private project, just approved by some hierarches), but this blog is dead for more than a year now, following http://www.theteamakers.com which had its origins in a lockout at the CBC. So details and insights will have to be found elsewhere, if any will appear online at all.

The comment from Jonathan Marks:
http://criticaldistance.blogspot.de/2012/04/radio-canada-international-is.html

[Or make that
http://criticaldistance.blogspot.com/2012/04/radio-canada-international-is.html
if necessary; the .de appears to be a redirect one gets from a German IP, whatever purpose this may be supposed to serve.] (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENIG DIGEST) viz:

To be honest, I'm convinced there is no longer need for an RCI as a separate offering on the Internet in 2012. It's a rather sad shadow of its former self, in an era when there was a need for a different context in order to understand what was happening in Ottawa and it's impact on the world. RCI used to make great crafted radio content that complemented what their domestic radio colleagues were doing. It had focus and purpose. But that was more than a decade ago. Now the press blurb speaks of "online content", showing they don't really know what RCI on the web is supposed to share.

Now, nobody searches on the Internet to find out what just happened in

Canada - and if they want Canadian news, then CBC or the Toronto Globe and Mail do a comprehensive job. Radio Canada International, without radio, becomes a branding mistake rather than a serious service.

The work that members of the RCI Arabic team did in the 1990's to explain the Gulf Wars to the Canadian public was much more valuable than the RCI Arabic language news broadcasts well after midnight on Radio Monte Carlo Middle East. Why not let them go out in style rather than a wimper? [sic] (Jonathan Marks, as above, ibid.)

Our sympathies to our friends and colleagues at RCI. We have several people here who have worked at RCI. The fate of our own personnel will be announced individually to employees in the week commencing 14th May. What we know is that around 250 people will lose their jobs. Some, like me, have already taken the decision to retire or move on. My last work day will be 26th April (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, odxayg via DXLD)

I guess they'll have to change the name from "Radio Canada International" to "Internet Canada International." There's no radio in it anymore. 73, (Zack W9SZ Widup, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Ouch. I will be in New Brunswick in early July and was looking forward to visiting the RCI transmitting site in Sackville. Now I'm torn between paying my last respects or pretending I don't see the train wreck. No way it will be a happy place. With the demise of Radio Nederland, Polish Radio, SRI and major cutbacks at the BBC, just about all my SW faves are taking it in the shorts. I still have other radio things that hold my interest, but geez (Bob Coomler, Tucson, AZ, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Venezuela? (David Goren, April 4, internetradio via DXLD)

Heh - I bet Arnie C's transmitters down at RHC are a lot cheaper per hour than those in Sackville; and they're generally cruddier, as I am sure Glenn H. will attest! RC (Rich Cuff, ibid.)

I was thinking Brother Stair could keep it going. It`s also so close to Monticello, Maine that Allan Weiner could manage it :0> (Daniel L Srebnick, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. Re: ``TUNISIA/CANADA, 17735, April 1 before 2000 UT, IWT is causing the usual annoying lo het to RCI, but RCI in the clear with 'Maple Leaf Mailbag' in English at 2018 UT. Don't know exactly when Tunisia went off (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld April 4)``

Checked the channel as from 1859 UT Apr 4:
17735.000 kHz RTT Sfax in Arabic on air.

Then RCI Sackville co-channel odd 17734.863 kHz started 19-21 UT WeAF schedule, heavy HUM buzz interference of 137 kHz frequency difference.

At 2000 UT RTT Sfax news in Arabic. Stopped that 17735 kHz channel sharp on 2008:27 UT. Moved suddenly to 7345 kHz, S=9+35dB signal in Germany, but much stronger on \\ 7225 kHz S=9+45dB powerhouse (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 4, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

I.e., it`s Sackville that`s off frequency, not Tunisia; but off, or on, the two should not be colliding (gh, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. And while the Prez of CBC is saying they are going to rush out of analogue TV broadcasts (1.7% of population he says) rival cable company Shaw (owns the Global TV network also) is cancelling FM reception over cable. Meaning a lot of U.S. Stations (mainly near border) will also be lost

People are actually going to have to buy a radio!!

"Shaw has previously offered customers access to FM stations with their cable subscription. We are in the process of discontinuing our carriage of these FM stations.

Discontinuing FM stations allows us to free up additional bandwidth, which means Shaw can deliver faster Internet speeds, increased High-Definition content and more Shaw Exo On Demand programming.

This change is part of Shaw.s dedication to providing our customers with leading edge technology through our superior Shaw Exo network." endquote

http://shaw.ca/Support/Television/FM-Discontinuation/
(Dan Say, BC, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

Well, at least they won't be missing much when the American (commercial) stations are dropped. I know Canadians like NPR, though. I think NPR streams are available via Sirius/XM (John Figliozzi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

Sirius has recently cut its NPR talk program to one channel (122) from two previously. I do not know if channel 122 is available to Canadian subscribers (Joe Buch, ibid.)

The current List for the Vancouver/Victoria area

http://www.shaw.ca/uploadedFiles/Customer_Bulletins/Vancouver_FMChannelLineup.pdf

Loss of CBC English and French, and Vancouver popular stations in remoter regions of B.C. (400 km or more from Vancouver beyond 2 ranges of mountains) and also Northern Ontario

http://www.shaw.ca/uploadedFiles/Customer_Bulletins/FMStations_Summary.pdf

Since the reformatting of Radio 2, the jazz, semi-classical all music station on FM in about 6 cities only, many people in the Vancouver area have tried King FM.

The US stations currently are:
92.1 KUBE Seattle's #1 Hit Music
93.1 KPLU KPLU 88.5 - Tacoma - Jazz/News
95.9 KISW KISW Rock
97.9 KJR KJR 950 AM Sports Radio
98.1 KING KING FM - Seattle - Classical
98.9 KWJZ Click 99.9 - Seattle - Modern Music
101.3 KLSY Mix 92.5 - Seattle's Best Mix
101.5 KPLZ Star 101.5 FM - The Best Mix of Everything

Below a rather out of date list:

"You can receive the following stations when your stereo FM radio receiver is connected to Shaw Cable:" from http://foundlocally.com/Vancouver/Communications/MediaCableRadio.htm

Freq	Station	Format	Original City
88.5	CKST	Team 1040 All sports radio	Vancouver
88.9	CKSR	Adult Contemporary	Chilliwack
89.3	CHKG	Chinese Ethnic Radio	Vancouver
89.7	KMPS	Country	Seattle
90.1	CKZZ	Hits / Top 40 / New Music	Vancouver
90.7	KLSY	Adult Contemporary	Bellview [sic]
91.3	CISL	Oldies	Vancouver
91.7	CKNW	News/Talk/Sports	Vancouver
92.1	KUBE	Contemporary Hits	Seattle
92.5	CJJR	Country	Vancouver
93.1	CBU	CBC Stereo - Classical / Variety / Information	Vancouver
93.5	KPLU	Jazz / News	Tacoma
93.9	CJSF	Campus Radio - SFU	Vancouver
94.3	CKBD	Adult Favorites	Vancouver
95.1	KUOW	Adult Variety	Seattle
95.5	KBTB	70s Rock	Seattle
95.9	KISW	Album Rock	Seattle
96.3	CKKQ	Adult Rock	Victoria
97.1	CKWX	News	Vancouver
97.5	CHMB	Chinese Ethnic Radio	Vancouver

98.1	KING	Classical	Seattle
98.5	CIOC	Easy Listening	Victoria
98.9	KWJZ	Jazz / Easy Listening	Seattle
99.7	CFOX	Album Rock	Vancouver
100.1	CFUN	Talk Radio	Vancouver
100.5	CKVX	CKVX - New Rock	Vancouver
100.9	CFBT	The Beat	Vancouver BC
101.5	KPLZ	Contemporary Hits	Seattle
101.9	CITR	Campus Radio - UBC	Vancouver
102.3	CBUF	CBC French - Classical / Variety / Information	Vancouver
102.7	CFRO	Co-op Radio / Alternative	Vancouver
103.3	CJVB	Fairchild Radio	Vancouver
103.7	CKLG	JACK FM-Playing What We Want	Vancouver
104.1	CBC	CBC - Classical / Variety / Information	Regional
104.5	CFML	Campus Radio - BCIT	Vancouver
104.9	KIRO	News / Talk Radio	Seattle
105.3	CFMI	Rock	Vancouver
105.9	CBRF	CBC French - Classical / Variety / Information	Calgary
106.3	CHQM	Easy Listening	Vancouver
106.7	CISQ	Adult Contemporary	Whistler
107.5	KNDD	Alternative Rock	Seattle
107.9	VOICEPRINT	Reading Services	Vancouver

(via Dan Say, swprograms via DXLD)

CBC budget cuts / SOWNY radio board --- CBC to put ads on Radio 2
http://members2.boardhost.com/scrapbook/msg/1333572661.html
(via Tom Sanders, DXLD)

** CHINA. 11790, Firedrake (v. RFA 18-20 in Chinese) 19 March 1856+ fair before 1900, much weaker afterwards.

11945, Firedrake (v. RFA 15-22 in Chinese) 19 March 1856+. Good and annoying (oxymoronically speaking) (Dan Sheedy, CA, G5/Xwire lurking in the gym parking lot, Encinitas, via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Firedrake 29 March 2012 In Progress 1250 GMT

This morning's Firedrake intercepts so far from Steve Handler
12230 1236 Good signal.
12500 1225, 1237 Fair-Good signal.
12650 1226 Good-Excellent signal.
12670 1237 Good signal.
13850 1226 Fair signal.
14970 1227, 1239 Fair-Good signal.
15445 1240 Fair signal.
15550 1227 Poor signal.
16100 1241 Fair-Good signal.

16920 1242 Fair signal.
(Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here is a selection of Firedrake broadcasts received for the last four days. The logs are OK for publication if you desire. No preselects are used and each day there is a search from about 7 MHz to 20 MHz. Not all frequencies and times are listed. Hope you find the list interesting -steve Handler

11500, 1224, 1242 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Excellent signal on 3/26/12. Heard same 1218 GMT Fair-Good signal, 1239 Weak signal on 3/27/12 Also heard same 1152 JBA, 1257, 1425 Good. 3/28/12. Also heard 1427 Fair signal and 1433 with Weak signal on 3/31/12

12230, 1236 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast which apparently uses this frequency. Good signal and also at 1352 w/Excellent signal. 3/29/12. Also heard 1150 GMT Good-excellent signal on 3/30/12. Also heard 1248 and 1326 w/Fair signal and 1434 with Weak-JBA signal on 3/31/12.

12300, 1428 and 1434 GMT Firedrake musical jammer presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast which apparently uses this frequency. Good-excellent signal on 3/31/12

12500, 1257 w/musical jamming broadcast. Excellent signal on 3/28/12. Also heard 1225, 1237 Fair-Good signal on 3/29/12.

12600, 1229, 1326, 1355 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Excellent signal on 3/31/12

12650, 1226 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast broadcast (not heard) which uses this frequency. Good-Excellent on 3/28/12.

12670, 1237 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which uses this frequency. Good. signal on 3/29/12.

13130, 1353 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Excellent signal on 3/329/12. Also heard 1154 with Fair signal on 3/30/12.

13850, 1227, 1245 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently

uses this frequency. Excellent signal on 3/26/12. Also heard 1226 Fair signal on 3/29/12. Also heard 1429 and 1435 GMT with Excellent signal on 3/31/12

13970, 1227, 1245 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which uses apparently this frequency. Fair signal on 3/26/12. Heard same 1222 GMT Good, 1241 w/Weak signal on 3/27/12. Also heard 1426 Fair-Good sign signal on 3/28/12. Also heard 1250 and 1327 Excellent 3/31/12. Also heard 1328 Weak to JBA, and 1356, 2436 Fair-Good signal on 3/31/12.

14700, 1227, 1246 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Good Signal at 1227, Fair at 1246, on 3/26/12. Also heard 1156 GMT Weak on 3/30/12. Also heard 1323 and 1356 w/weak signal on 3/31/12.

14970, 1228, 1246 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Fair signal on 3/26/12. Heard same 1223 GMT Fair-Good signal, 1245 and 1353 Good signal. 3/27/12 Also heard 1227, 1239 Fair-Good. 3/29/12.

15445, 1247 Fair signal with musical jamming broadcast and also a jamming noise that sounds like an airplane propeller presumably jamming the Voice of Tibet broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency for both Mandarin and Tibetan broadcasts from Tajikistan. on 3/26/12. Also heard 1240 Fair. 3/29/12. Also heard 1251 w/excellent signal. 3/31/12.

15485, 1355 GMT with musical jamming broadcast. Good signal. 3/27/12. Also heard 1354 with Excellent signal. 3/29/12. Also heard at 1357 GMT with Excellent signal on 3/31/12.

15500, 1329 GMT with musical jamming broadcast. Excellent signal on 3/31/12.

15545, 1246 GMT with musical jamming broadcast. Weak-Fair signal on 3/27/12.

15550, 1224 GMT musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Voice of Tibet's Mandarin language broadcast (not heard) broadcast which apparently uses 15553 KHz. Weak signal on 3/27/12. Also heard 1227 Poor 3/29/12. Also hear 1329 w/Good signal on 3/31/12.

15560, 1358 GMT w/musical jamming. Good signal on 3/31/12

15565, 1356 GMT musical jamming broadcast. Good signal on 3/27/12.

15615, 1415 GMT musical jamming broadcast. Fair signal on 3/27/12. Also heard 1427 Fair 3/28/12. Also heard 1419 GMT w/good signal on 3/31/12. . .

15670, CNR-1, 1253 GMT Mandarin M&F and child voice presenters. Broadcast presumably being used to attempt to jam the Tibetan language broadcast of Radio Free Asia (not heard) which is registered with the HFCC for 1200-1400 GMT on this frequency. 3/27/12. Same heard 1346 GMT on 3/27/12.

15900, 1246 GMT Fair-Good signal, 1357 Excellent signal w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. 3/27/12.

15940, 1252 GMT w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Fair-Good signal on 3/31/12.

16100, 1229, 1249 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. Weak signal on 3/26/12. Also heard same 1247 Fair-Good signal, 1357 Poor signal on 3/27/12. Aslo heard 1241 Fair-Good signal and at 16100 with excellent signal. 3/29/12. Also heard 1252 and 1329 and 1358 w/Excellent signal. 3/31/12.

16700, 1311 and 1359 GMT w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently uses this frequency. W/Good signal. 3/31/12.

16920, 1242 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently this frequency. Fair signal. 3/29/12.

16980, 1250 w/musical jamming broadcast presumably targeting the Sound of Hope's Mandarin broadcast (not heard) which apparently this frequency. Good-Excellent signal on 3/26/12. Heard also 1248 JBA signal on 3/27/12.

17570, 1422 GMT w/musical jamming broadcast. Fair-Good signal on 3/31/12. March 31 (Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, DX LISTENING DIGESET) And now back to our day by day observations:

Firedrake March 29:
12230, good at 1334 just as the music broke a second for a bad edit
13130, good at 1334
15500, good with flutter at 1322
15550, good with flutter at 1322

16100, very good at 1332; none in the 14s, 17s, 18s

Firedrake March 30, before 1300:
13130, good at 1259
14700, fair at 1259
14970, fair at 1259
15445, good at 1255, QRMing Turkey English on 15450
15900, good at 1257
15970, good at 1257
16100, good at 1257
16700, fair at 1257
Tuning downward, did not get below 13000 before 1300*

After 1300:

15485, good at 1309, het from 15487 but gone at 1315
15500, good at *1215 with 15498 het, just jumped up from 15485, still on at 1318 when 15540 is off
15540, good at 1309, with het from 15538, still at 1315, off 1318
15550, fair now here at 1326, het on hi side
15900, very good at 1316

Before 1400:
12230, very good at 1350
12300, very good at 1350
13970, poor at 1351
14700, poor at 1352
14970, poor at 1352
15485, good at 1349, het from 15482
16100, very good at 1352
16700, very good at 1352
17450, good at 1353

After 1400:
15615, good at *1404

CNR1 jamming:
15670, March 30 at 1317, along with raspy noise for additional jamming, but the programming is // 12040 jammer. Target on 15670 is RFA in Tibetan via Tajikistan
see also SAUDI ARABIA, 17705 jamming

Firedrake March 31, before 1300:
15445, very poor at 1238, this time weaker than 15450 Turkey
14700, JBA at 1247
13970, very good at 1247
12600, good at 1248

After 1300:
12230, very poor at 1325
12600, very good at 1324
13920, poor at 1324
13970, very good at 1324
14700, very poor at 1323
15445, fair at 1251, vs het on 15448 also against Turkey 15450
15500, very good at 1319
15550, very good at 1319
15900, fair at 1322
16100, very good at 1322
16700, very good at 1322

Before 1400:
15485, very good at 1342
15560, very good at 1342 with het on 15558
15900, poor at 1347

After 1400:
15615, very good at 1415

Other ChiCom jamming situations:
15115, March 31 at 1319, VOA in English about US funding projects, faked out as then into Chinese for consecutive translation; and with CNR1 jamming. This hour has VOA Chinese, 14 degrees from Thailand USward

15250, March 31 at 1245, echo jamming plus a het vs VOA Chinese Tinang
15265, March 31 at 1317, Chinese echo and a het here instead; against RTI in Chinese

15795, March 31 at 1321, just whining and grinding in the interim after jamming India`s Chinese service until 1315, before Sound of Hope via Tajikistan at 1400-1430 per Aoki

17855, March 31 at 0527 the OSOB is weak Chinese here, W&M talking. RFA via SAIPAN is listed in Aoki and HFCC at 03-07; strangely enough, so is CRI but in English from Beijing site at 04-0557. But RFA Must Be Jammed too, likely with CNR1. 15 MHz band had lots of signals, most of them weak.

[and non]. Firedrake April 1, before 1300:
15450, good at 1257-1300* atop V. of Turkey in English!

After 1300:
15485, good at 1305, ex-15450 clearing that for Turkey

Before 1400:

12980, good at 1346
13920, very good at 1346
15490, very good at 1348, ex 15485 earlier in hour
15560, fair at 1349 with het
15870, good at 1349
16100, very poor at 1350
16700, very poor at 1350

Firedrake April 2, before 1300:
13680, good at 1256
13920, fair at 1256
13970, fair at 1256
No thoro search of all the bands today, but just what I ran across

Before 1330:
15495, fair at 1325
15550, poor at 1325
15900, fair at 1327; none in the 16s

Before 1400:
15900, very good with flutter at 1358

After 1400:
15615, fair with het at 1406

Firedrake April 3, without thorough scans:
11500, fair with flutter at 1253, SAH and CCI
12300, fair at 1256
12980, fair at 1256
13970, poor at 1256
15870, fair at 1443
16100, poor at 1259; none in the 14s, 15s

Firedrake April 4, before 1400:
12300, very good with flutter at 1352
12500, very good at 1352; none in the 11s, 10s
13850, very good at 1351, way over 13845 WWCR
13920, very poor with utility QRM at 1349
14700, very good with flutter at 1349
15485, good with flutter at 1347; het on the hi side
15560, good at 1348, het on the lo side
15870, very good at 1349; none in the 16s or 17s
See also INDIA [and non]; UNIDENTIFIED 15585

Firedrake April 5:
11500, good with flutter at 1239
12600, poor at 1241
13970, poor at 1241

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait, March 31 at 1503; Saturday only English show ìFocus on Chinaî in progress; YL with news items of the past week; frequent musical bridges; China and Zambia signed bilateral agreements; Irish and Chinese governments to work together with the aim of improving trade and investments; 1516 ID: ìVoice of Strait, Focus on Chinaî; into Chinese at 1530; poor-fair. Audio at http://www.box.com/s/ae97c84aef736baa7f5f
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4980, 2331 12 March, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, man in presumed Uighur with long speech, SIO 333 (Kevin O`Daly, Herts., Tropical Bands Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

4980, 0009 21 March, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi (presumed), OM with OB in presumed Uighur, SIO 343 (Alan Pennington, Berks., ibid.)

4980, 1711 9 March, CNR1 via Golmad [sic], Chinese speech and music, SIO 243 (Stephen Howie, London, ibid.)

So which is it, or both? Aoki A-12 and B-11, which ought to know, has only PBS Xinjiang, Urumqui [sic], really EAST TURKISTAN on 4980. WRTH 2012 has 50 kW from Urumqi Nov-Apr only, but it was *inactive. So where did this Golmud info come from? WRTH has that site on 4800 with CNR1 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 15785, April 1 at 0454, CRI English is still here, 0455 going into disposable Chinese lesson at hourends; presumably obliterating Galei Zahal further east, no trace here. CRI registered as 01-07 via Xi`an, and into Chinese after 05. Before then also audible on weaker // 15120 [no sign of Nigeria], and 6020 via Canada (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also EAST TURKISTAN

** CONGO. 6115, R Congo, Brazzaville, 1824, March 31, French news closing with "Je vous rappelle les titres", then continued with mainly talk. Still there at 1844 tune-out but had gone 1856 recheck. Had been missing March 28, 29, 30. Signal about as strong as in my previous report making for quite enjoyable listening (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands (TenTec RX-340, 25m. longwire), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6115, TÈlÈdiffusion du Congo, R Congo, Brazzaville, 1827-1851*, Mar 31, French news with short music at 1840, often mentioning Congo and also "Radio Congo", nice signal, hardly any interference, but some strange noise on the frequency, starting around 1835. Just in the middle of the news program, the station went off the air at 1851 (Max

van Arnhem, Hoenderloo, The Netherlands, DSWCI DX Window April 4 via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. While waiting for RHC to put some modulation on 17750 carrier, April 1 at 1947, see CUBA, I amused myself by tracing spurs from the bigsig on 17850, REE relay during stupid ballgame, distorted matching modulation. Found a lot of them at multiples of approx. 13.7 to 13.8 kHz up and down, so give or take a bit on the decimal digit:
17836.2, 17822.3, 17808.4, 17794.6
17863.7, 17877.5, 17891.5, 17905.3
As usual, the closest ones were strongest, the further ones weakest (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also spurs from SPAIN: q.v.

** CUBA. 1140, Radio Rebelde, MorÛn, Ciego de ¡vila (or Aguada, Cienfuegos). 1057 March 25, 2012. Rebelde sounder, ID by man. Mixing with WQBA, Miami in Spanish.

1140, Radio Mayabeque, La Salud, Mayabeque. 1102 March 26, 2012. Mayabeque in the mix along with Rebelde and WQBA today with ID and mention of "... 104.7 frecuencia modulada (Terry Krueger, FL, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 6010, April 1 at 0550-0552, RHC English with Arnie Coro`s science & technology talk, about A-12 frequency changes now going into effect, how it`s all cleared with ITU [not HFCC!], CIRAF zones, etc., but no details, referring us to their English website. Before checking that, I am going to find out what I can by monitoring.

Starting at 1253: new, or rather reactivated 9550 has been added to weak 9540 and strong 9850, but 9850 goes off at 1257*. At 1312 check, 9550 had also gone off, uncovering CRI in Vietnamese, so until then it was Commies vs Commies vs Commies!

At 1254, new 11860 has replaced 11840; still on 11760, 11750, 11690.

At 1257 none in the 13s, and still 15230, but not 15380 in the 15s.

At 1304, new 15 MHz frequency is 15340! They`ve used it periodically many years before, and now it blasts away HCJB Australia to S Asia, weakly audible underneath. Maybe not a problem for HCJB in its target area? But RHC has a history of indifference or hostility to HCJB, refusing to open up its only remaining frequency from Ecuador in the evenings, 6050. So far, Morocco is sticking to 15349.2, far enough away, after starting A-12 on 15341.2.

At 1308, 13780 is the only frequency on this band; no more 13670

At 1310, 11860 still on atop CCI: only thing scheduled is VOR in Russian, 117 degrees from Moscow site, which ought not to matter here

Spanish programming has moved one UT hour earlier as DST has just started in Cuba. I suppose sign on is now at *1100; `En Contacto` confirmed Sunday at 1335 instead of 1435; during it someone mentioned their new frequency lineup for Spanish, in generalities, standard Soviet-style disorder:

Mornings [missed first few, but see below]: 15340, 11750, 11760, 11690, 11860, 9540, 9550, 9850, 6150

Afternoons: 17705, 17750, 11840, 9710, 9810, 5040

Nights: 17705, 17750, 15230, 11680, 11760, 11840, 9810, 6060, 6120, 5040.

At 1347, 15340 is very strong and splattering +/- 10 kHz at least

At 1351, I hear two more new 17 MHz channels for the morning: 17580 atop CCI, which would be YFR via Wertachtal at 13-15; and at 1353, 17730 in the clear.

Now let`s check the RHC website: guess what, as of 1630 UT April 1, the Spanish schedule
http://www.radiohc.cu/index.php/de-interes/frecuencias.html
is still the out of date B-11 one, none of the new frequencies in it!

Altho undated, the English version is also still obviously B-11:
http://www.radiohc.cu/ing/of-interest/frequencies.html
Maybe they`ll get around to updating them by Monday.

Monitoring for RHC after 1900 April 1, when the new frequencies are to be in effect: at 1908, nothing found anywhere from 11 to 18 MHz, including 11760 where I expected the 20-21 English hour to move one hour earlier as it did in A-11.

However, at 1925, now 11760 is on with music in progress; must have just missed `DXers Unlimited` first airing, sob! 1927, yes, it`s RHC English; 1940 mailbag show. What follows on 11760 after 2000? At 2023 check it`s French, and guess what, at 2033 Esperanto ñ new time for that, ex-2230 on 15370.

17750 was one of the new frequencies mentioned for ``tarde y noche`` on `En Contacto` earlier, and by 1928 it has come on with big open carrier. I assume this should be the frequency for Europe which was also on 17 MHz last summer. In B-11 this has been 1930-2100 on 13640 in French/Arabic/Portuguese. I check 17750 repeatedly, 1935, 1941,

1945, 1956, 2017, but no modulation ever comes on, and after 1959 it`s hit by huge DRM signal on 17750-17755-17760 from TDP Radio in French Guiana. Way to go, Arnie!

Only with BFO can I tell the silent carrier on 17750 is still there. Is it ruining DRM reception like DRM is ruining it? Not checked again until after the DRM hour is over, at 2123 and now 17750 is finally modulating with music, Spanish, so presumably the bihour to Europe is at 21-23, ex-22-24 on 13640. Yet, like last summer, the bigsig from this on 16m makes it hard to believe it`s aimed NE rather than NW. Included `En Contacto` also an hour earlier now, Sunday at 2240. 17750 off at 2300* sharp. The other 17 MHz frequency announced within the program, 17705, was never heard.

Full evening schedule not checked yet, but at 0128 April 2, confirmed on new 11680. Spain is registered here daily at 23-02 to South America, and suspect it was source of the slight QRM under strong RHC, no doubt much worse in SAm. Way to go, Arnie! Also confirmed in Spanish on 15230, 11840, 11760, 9810, 6120, 6060, 5040, including the third and final play of `En Contacto` at 0135, ex-0235.

Not heard on 17750, instead something else very weak, presumably R. Australia at 2330-0658 as in Aoki, missing from HFCC. And not on 17705 either.

Around 0130, RHC English on 6000 and 6050 as before. Rest of that full schedule not yet determined; the 5040 broadcast probably shifted an hour earlier to 23-24 as last summer.

The RHC website schedules in English and Spanish as of early UT April 2 still haven`t been updated with the new info. øMaÒana? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010, 6060 and 6125, April 2 at 0604, RHC English apparently still running until 0700, but missing from the fourth frequency 6050. Remains to be seen if this was intentional for new A-12 schedule, or accidental. However, 6050 had some noise on it, suspiciously DRM-like, tho none scheduled in HFCC on this or adjacents. Maybe RHC defective?

On Monday morning, the Esperanto schedule still hasn`t been updated to show Sunday 2030 on 11760, which we heard April 1, but the English page has been, with this ``HEDULE``, confirming that the 20 and 00 broadcasts have shifted one UT hour earlier like last summer (even tho this nonsensically puts 60m even further into the dayside), but not the others:

Banda Tropical	5040	23-24
AmÈrica Central	11760	19-20

AmÈrica del Norte	6050/6000/6060	01-07/01-05/05-07
Norte Centro y SuramÈrica	6125	05-07
San Francisco	6010	05-07

The confusing three-frequencies-three times-on-one-line means that 6050 is still supposed to be on air from 01 to 07.

How about Spanish? That too is now updated; removed meterband clutter:

Buenos Aires	15230/17580	23-04 y 11-15/11-15
Nueva York	9550/11860	11-13/11-15
San Francisco	13780	13-15
Chicago	15340/9850	13-15/11-13
AmÈrica del Sur	17730	11ñ15 [not SuramÈrica above]
Banda Tropical	5040	21ñ23 y 01-05
AmÈrica Central	11750/9540/9810	13-15/11-15/22-06
Europa	17750	21-23
Norte Centro SuramÈrica	11760/6150	11-15 y 00-05/11-13
Caribe	6120/9710/11690	23-05/21-23/11-15
AmÈrica del Sur	11680/17705	23-04/21-04

MESA REDONDA (Lunes a Viernes y dÌas especiales)

AmÈrica del Norte	6000/15140	22:30ñ24

AL" PRESIDENTE (Domingo)

AmÈrica Central	13680	14-18
Caribe	11690	14-18
AmÈrica del Sur	17590/17750	14-18
AmÈrica del Norte	15340	14-18

Some new frequencies there, notably 15140 for Mesa Redonda; and 17590, 15340 for AlÛ Presidente, which of course seldom happens, even when El Hugazo is not back in Cuba for chemotherapy. As we know all too well, but RHC apparently does not, when AP does appear, it never starts until after 1530, and can run as late as 1930, not ``14-18`` but no doubt all other DX sources will blindly copy what RHC puts up here, without even pointing out it is mostly missing!

RHC website has specific pages only for some of its other languages, and no comprehensive transmission schedule in one place.

French is updated:

AmÈrique du Sud	15370	22:30 - 23:00		
AmÈrique Centrale	11760	20:00 - 20:30		
CaraÔbe	5040	00:30 - 01:00		
Europa	17750	19:30 - 20:00		
http://www.radiohc.cu	18:30-19:00	20:00-21:00	00:30-01:00	

That confirms what was supposed to occupy dead air on 17750 April 1.

Portuguese: this page http://www.radiohc.cu/pt/
is still ``under construxion`` and I am prompted to log in?!

Arabic, time backwards in Roman but when copied comes out forward:
17750 20:30 - 21

Creole and Quechua aren`t worthy of even a mention on the RHC website

17750, April 2 at 1945, RHC is managing to modulate, in French, unlike 24 hours earlier with at least a sesquihour of dead air supposedly for Europe. At 2011 it`s in Portuguese as also scheduled, and at 2037 check in Arabic, but both with huge QRDRM from The Disco Palace via Guiana French, which has been on 17750-17755-17760 for several seasons now in the 20-21 UT hour, aiming USward.

This is Arnie`s biggest blunder, so far, in mismanaging the A-12 frequencies of RHC: he should have known that because of the 17755 DRM, 17750 was not the place to put RHC on the wide-open 16m band which has scads of unused frequencies. {IIRC, RHC used 17750 many years ago, so why not again, regardless of the consequences now?} Not that he cares about QRMing other stations: he`s demonstrated time and again that nothing matters but #1, as an outlaw station, condoning and facilitating jamming, refusing to participate in HFCC, refusing to let HCJB have its only frequency 6050 back, etc., etc.; but this usage is damaging RHC itself, so we eagerly await a correxion, no doubt without any admission of guilt.

I`ve also brought this to the attention of TDP`s Ludo Maes, who might want to make the move himself. But please, not any closer to RCI on 17735. Not a bad idea anyway, since TDP also collides directly with REE Noblejas 17755 on weekends. A look at the latest Aoki shows *nothing* at 20-21 on any frequency from 17760 to 17845, except:
17775, KVOH, imaginary, off the air for a few years now
HFCC shows some additional probably wooden entries, not in Aoki:
17785 KHBN
17845 Oman
So allowing for 15 kHz of protexion, any frequency from 17770 to 17835 would be fine for TDP [aside from the weekend octet of weak spurs from REE/Costa Rica 17850 I accumulated]. If RHC were to move up and has to have the same frequency until 2300 in Spanish, a couple more conflicts would arise, but still plenty of options, not to mention lots of spots for either in the 17.5 to 17.7 MHz range.

BTW, looking over RHC`s newly posted A-12 schedule in Spanish which I copied into my previous report, only one channel is shown on the air until 0600, 9810, and I think this must be a mistake, as in summer all

the others are closing (nominally) by 0500; and in fact already April 1, 9810 was off by 0500, fortunately for the Vatican with which it had been colliding since A-12 began.

Some further RHC monitoring in this new season:

15370, April 3 at 0002 is open carrier, still at 0006; off by next check 0026. This semihour in B-11 was the Quechua service, presumably also what was missing today, just like Arabic, Portuguese and French were missing Sunday from 17750 --- pity the poor program producers who wasted their efforts because some operator down the line was not paying attention. It`s *always* something wrong, at RHC!

Unlike 24 hours earlier, 17705 is on and inbooming, at 0002 just finishing a frequency announcement in Spanish ending with 5040. 15230 also in Spanish, much weaker.

5040, missed confirming whether English is really at 23-24 now as scheduled, but at 0011 it`s very good in Kriyol, and at 0031 in French

6050, April 3 at 0538, RHC English is here, along with // 6060, 6125, all rather poor, but loud and clear on 6010. 6050 had been absent 23.5 hours earlier, but all four are still on A-12 schedule in the 05-07 period (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On April 5, Ivo Ivanov forwards an xls format schedule for A-12 of RHC in Spanish (only). It appears to be the same as on the website, altho formatted differently, including 9810 until 0600. It`s from the Departamento de Correspondencia Internacional, including this header for the Venezuelan relay:
AL" PRESIDENTE - IMAGINARY!!!
In English. Did RHC really say that or did Ivo put it in? I couldn`t say it better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Then Wolfgang B¸schel copied the above and added other transmissions partially based on my monitoring:

Monitored RHC A-12 schedule.
Radio Habana Cuba - Horarios, Bandas y Frequencias
De Marzo de 2012 a Noviembre de 2012.

TRANSMISIONES EN ESPA—OL
PERIODO A-12 Marzo de 2012 a Octubre de 2012

Zonas Geogr·ficas
Beam to:
No,Ce,SoAM 6150 kHz 1100-1300 UT
No,Ce,SoAM 11760 kHz 1100-1500 y 0000-0500 UT

New York 9550 kHz 1100-1300 UT
New York 6060 kHz 0000-0500 UT
New York 11860 kHz 1100-1500 UT

San Francisco 13780 kHz 1300-1500 UT

Chicago 15340 kHz 1300-1500 UT
Chicago 9850 kHz 1100-1300 UT

CeAM 9540 kHz 1100-1500 UT
CeAM 9810 kHz 2200-0600 UT
CeAM 11750 kHz 1300-1500 UT

Antilles 6120 kHz 2300-0500 UT
Antilles 9710 kHz 2100-2300 UT
Antilles 11690 kHz 1100-1500 UT

Rio de Janeiro 11680 kHz 2300-0400 UT
Rio de Janeiro 17730 kHz 1100-1500 UT

Buenos Aires 17580 kHz 1100-1500 UT
Buenos Aires 15230 kHz 1100-1500 y 2300-0400 UT

Chile 17705 kHz 2100-0400 UT

Europe 17750 kHz 2100-2300 UT

Tropical Band NVIS antenna 5040 kHz / 60 m 2100-2300 y 0100-0500 UT
to Cuba, Caribe, USA, Canada, MÈxico, Ce AmÈrica, and Northern So
AmÈrica.

AlÛ Presidente, Sunday special from Venezuela. (imaginary) [sic]
Chicago 15340 kHz 1400-1800 UT
Central AmÈrica 13680 kHz 1400-1800 UT
Antillas 11690 kHz 1400-1800 UT
Buenos Aires 17590 kHz 1400-1800 UT
Rio de Janeiro 17750 kHz 1400-1800 UT

Mesa Redonda Internacional, Monday-Friday night special.
Washington 6000 kHz 2200-2400 UT
Chicago 15140 kHz 2200-2400 UT
[time varies and not always on at all -- gh]

TRANSMISIONES EN VARIOS IDIOMAS
PERIODO A-12 Marzo de 2012 a Octubre de 2012

Zonas Geogr·ficas

Beam to:
TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA INGL…S/English
No/Ce/SoAmÈrica 6125 kHz 0500-0700 UT
NoCe/SoAmÈrica 11760 kHz 1900-2000 UT
New York 6060 kHz 0500-0700 UT
San Francisco 6010 kHz 0500-0700 UT
Chicago 6050 kHz 0100-0700 UT
Washington 6000 kHz 0100-0500 UT
Banda Tropical 5040 kHz 2300-2400 UT

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA FRANC…S/French
Europe 17750 kHz 1930-2000 UT
NoCe/SoAmÈrica 11760 kHz 2000-2030 UT
SoAmerica 15370 kHz 2230-2300 UT - except Sun
Banda Tropical 5040 kHz 0030-0100 UT

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA PORTUGU…SE
Rio de Janeiro 15370 kHz 2330-2400 UT
Buenos Aires 15230 kHz 2200-2300 UT
Europe 17750 kHz 2000-2030 UT

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA ¡rabe/Arabic
Europe 17750 kHz 2030-2100 UT

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA ESPERANTO, Sunday only
San Francisco 6010 kHz 0700-0730 UT
NoCe/SoAmÈrica 11760 kHz 1500-1530 UT
SoAmÈrica 15370 kHz 2230-2300 UT - see French

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA CREOLE
Buenos Aires 15370 kHz 2300-2330 UT [where Creole is not spoken]
Banda Tropical 5040 kHz 0000-0030 UT

TRANSMISIONES EN IDIOMA QUECHUA
Buenos Aires 15370 kHz 0000-0030 UT
(monitored by Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld April 1-3;
and RHC XLS Excel file via Ivo Ivanov-BUL,
transformed by wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5)

Except on April 1, the only Sunday so far, I did hear Esperanto at
2030 on 11760. Did not check at 2230 on 15370. 11760 ends at 2030*
other days of the week after French (gh, DXLD)

Hi, I was tuning around and found a weak SS station on 10150 which is
Radio Habana Cuba. What are they doing on this frequency? Can anybody
else hear them? Steve

10150 kHz Radio Habana Cuba 1154 GMT 4/4/12 NOW --- RHC is back on

this frequency. I find it hard to believe it is a spur. Quite a good signal. Anyone have any info as to whether this is going to be a new frequency for them? (Steve, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

It`s a leapfrog mixing product, of new 9550 over 9850 another 300 kHz higher, possible when both of them are on the air, 11-13 UT. 73, Glenn Hauser, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 11845, March 31 at 1404. R. MartÌ now with noise jamming despite adjacent RHC 11840, but RM atop it, unlike on 11930.

12000, April 3 at 0009, VOA Spanish is apparently not being jammed, at least none audible, but VOA`s own modulation is rather distorted. 9885 has pulse jamming but VOA atop it. 5890 has poor signal, and no jamming audible tho Cuba is propagating well enough as low as 5040.

5955, April 3 at 0024, wall-of-noise jamming against nothing, no carrier detectable from R. Rep˙blica 5954.2v, apparently not on the air weeknights, or at least not during this hour. Can`t be too careful

9805, April 3 at 1248, R. MartÌ in `Tempranito y de MaÒana` show (``a bit early in the morning``), loud and clear with no jamming audible. RM now scheduled here at 09-13; also on 6030 with no jamming either, which RM now occupies 22-13 (except the 03-09 Monday break). 7405 jammed but RM atop it.

Instead, already heavily jammed at 1255 were 11845, 11930 and 13820, which per HFCC do not start RM until 13, 14, and 13 respectively!

However, VOA Spanish on 9885 was over heavy jamming, 15590 way over audible jamming, and WRMI 9955 inaudible under very heavy jamming, vs R. Libertad at 12-13; WRMI also carries `Tempranito` at 10-11.

9490, April 1 at 0146, R. Rep˙blica via RMI via CANADA with polemic talk in Spanish, more or less over the DentroCuban jamming. Then checked 5954+ via COSTA RICA: much weaker signal, and lowly modulated but music so not //. The 9490 broadcast is weekends only, not sure about 5954.

11775, April 1 at 0157, R. MartÌ loud and clear, no jamming detectable despite strong signal from Habana on 11760. This is 100 kW via CANADA at 01-03, following only one hour from 500 kW Greenville at 00-01/

The irresponsible DentroCuban Jamming Command is wildly jamming many unoccupied frequencies, UT Monday April 2, including:

13820, at 0542, with heavy multiple pulses (daytime-only RM frequency)
11930, at 0551, heavy jamming (daytime-only RM frequency)

11775, at 0551, lite to medium jamming vs CRI Arabic via Albania (early evening only, RM via Greenville, Sackville)
9885, at 0552, pulsing (morning & evening VOA Spanish; now VOA Botswana escapes most of it by being on 9880 instead)
7405, at 0559, heavy jamming during RM Monday silent period
6940, at 0600, pulse jamming, stray or spur?
6030, at 0601, residual lite jamming without R. MartÌ
5745, at 0606, pulse jamming, another unoccupied RM channel

Dentro-Cuban Jamming Command is still off the mark April 5, at 1245: VOA Spanish has heavy jamming over it on 15590 and 13750, lighter pulse jamming about equal to VOA on 9885, while there is NO jamming audible on 9805 R. MartÌ with very good signal (ALL: Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 7220, Cyprus Broadcasting Corp, 2215-2245, still having transmitter problems. Transmitter on the air at 2215 and off at 2245. Strong carrier, but no programming. Just dead air. Same thing heard on // 9760. Not able to check // 6135 due to VOA in Chinese on this frequency. Fri, Sat, Sun only. March 30 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** CYPRUS. Re: ``British East Mediterranean Relay Station (BEMRS), ZYGI, Larnaca 7739, Cyprus replied to a Fax report to +357 2433 2595 in 21 days for reception of BBC World Service on 5875. QSL can be seen at http://on.fb.me/H6ciws QSL was received by airmail (Partha Sarathi Goswami, India, DX Listening Digest)``

Address on the QSL was British East Mediterranean Relay Station, British Forces Post Office 53. Mail from the UK can be sent to this address at domestic rates. Cyprus should not be put after the BFPO box number. WRTH 2012 gives the station address as P.O. Box 24824, 1397 Nicosia, Cyprus (Mike Barraclough, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** CYPRUS [and non]. 11793-11818, April 1 at 0158, OTH radar pulsing, perhaps from here in typical 25-kHz bandwidth, bothering mainly 11795 with RRI IS prior to Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA [non]. 4319-USB, AFN, March 29 and 30 heavy QRM has returned here again after being absent for two day (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. Hi Everyone, Conditions to Africa seem quite a bit better at the moment than they have been over the past couple of weeks. I will compile a bandscan of 60m tomorrow but here is a recording of 4780 kHz from last night with Djibouti at good strength http://www.box.com/s/4e94294d93da12f884a1

(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN [and non]. 9470, April 1 at 0145, CRI English with heavy echo, same program as 6020 via ALBANIA, but not synchronized. 9470 is 308 degrees via Wulumuchi toward Europe, but apparently also via long path (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. EMISORAS ECUATORIANAS PODRÕAN SER OBLIGADAS A DIFUNDIR PRODUCCI”N NACIONAL --- Por: AFP

Las estaciones de radio y televisiÛn de Ecuador tendr·n que dedicar la mitad de su programaciÛn musical a difundir producciones nacionales si se aprueba una ley de comunicaciÛn que actualmente estudia el Congreso, seÒalÛ el presidente Rafael Correa.

"Se va a exigir que en la programaciÛn de radios, de canales de televisiÛn en los que sea pertinente, el 50% de esa programaciÛn sean autores y artistas nacionales, con el pago de los correspondientes derechos de autor", dijo Correa en su informe semanal de labores.

"øPor quÈ no dar espacios al talento nacional?", se preguntÛ el mandatario, quien exhortÛ a "defender lo nuestro" y aclarÛ que estar·n eximidas de esta obligaciÛn las emisoras de m˙sica cl·sica o de deportes.

Correa argumentÛ que si su paÌs rechaza firmar tratados de libre comercio para que no lo "inunden con arroz importado" y mantiene aranceles para evitar el ingreso masivo de vehÌculos ensamblados en otros paÌses, "øpor quÈ permitir que nos inunden radio, televisiÛn, con artistas importados?".

El gobernante hizo el anuncio al comentar aspectos de la ley que discutiÛ esta semana con representantes de su bancada de izquierda en el Legislativo, el cual podrÌa votar el proyecto el prÛximo 10 de abril.

Esa cita tuvo como fin consensuar puntos polÈmicos, a fin de evitar que el mandatario objete la iniciativa del oficialismo cuando tenga que sancionarla.

Correa destacÛ que la ley ayudar· a "democratizar" los medios, pues plantea nuevos porcentajes de reparticiÛn de frecuencias, que est·n en un 90% "en manos privadas con fines de lucro", seg˙n dijo.

El proyecto sugiere que 34% sea para medios comunitarios o sin fines de lucro, 33% para medios p˙blicos y 33% para negocios privados con fines de lucro, dijo el presidente, quien considerÛ este aspecto como

uno de los m·s "revolucionarios" de la ley.

Correa tambiÈn resaltÛ que la norma prevÈ la exigencia de que los directores de medios, editores, jefes de redacciÛn y reporteros sean profesionales de la comunicaciÛn.

La oposiciÛn rechaza el proyecto aduciendo que consagra la censura previa para la prensa, al incluir un consejo que regularÌa contenidos y ordenarÌa rectificaciones a los medios.

Texto copiado de http://www.rcnradio.com - Conozca el original en http://www.rcnradio.com/noticias/editor/emisoras-ecuatorianas-podrian-ser-obligadas-146522#ixzz1qjZNAQxc
Imagen de: careitv.blogspot.com
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Well, there is certainly precedent for this in many countries, starting with Canada, Mexico, Brasil (gh, DXLD)

** EGYPT. 6270, 2309 24 Feb, R. Cairo, faith talk, English. Nasty hum, spur on 6298.8, SIO 555 (David Morris, Dorset, HF Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Re: ``Radio Cairo heard on 6270 March 18 at 0119, the worst I have ever heard them, and that's saying something: overmodulated and extremely distorted, with buzz and awful whine expanding down to 6240, presumably in Arabic talk, and music. Totally unreadable monstrosity. Same throughout presumed English broadcast after 0200, at 0210 and later checks still on at 0334 when back into Arabic? Off before 0430. (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)``

It was the same here for late afternoon/evening broadcasts around that time. I was in the Pirate Radio Chat room the afternoon of March 18 and it was interfering with many of their broadcasts (Mike Barraclough, England, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

15210, 29/Mar 2148, EGITO, R Cairo em francÍs (listado). Portadora com bom sinal praticamente sem modulaÁ„o, ouve-se sussurros apenas quando em m˙sica. Essa transmiss„o encontra-se nessa situaÁ„o j· por meses. 45441 (Jorge Freitas-B)

15480, 29/Mar 2211, R Cairo em portuguÍs. Nesse momento apenas a portadora aguardando o hor·rio para o inÌcio da transmiss„o. Ent„o vamos aguardar. As 2216 sinal beep, YL com a ID e segue m˙sica orquestrada. A modulaÁ„o continua baixa impossibilitando o entendimento de uma frase inteira sequer, mesmo quando a YL fala, que possui uma dicÁ„o melhor do que a do OM. Hoje pior do que quando eu a relatei essa semana. As 2218 m˙sica egÌpcia. Sem possibilidade de

acompanhar mais da programaÁ„o. 45441 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6270, April 1 at 0141, R. Cairo with whine and just barely modulated, but no huge spur field for a change.

9305, April 1 at 0143, R. Cairo Arabic service with VG signal, but just barely modulated at distorted peaks.

9315, April 1 at 0143, R. Cairo, finally a frequency with sufficient modulation, song in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005.00, 2020-2027* 19.03, R Dif. de Guinea Ecuatorial, Bata, Spanish ann, African songs and music - Back on the air after 10 months break, 23332, Utility QRM (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde where the spring has appeared strongly during the past week, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5005, Radio Nacional - Bata, *0539-0610, sign on with Spanish talk. Some Afro-pop music. Very weak signal. March 29 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUIN… EQUATORIAL, 5005, RNGE, Bata, 1745-1757, 31/3, dialecto local, progr. falado, m˙sica pop' africana; 34321, QRM adj. de estaÁ„o ponto-a-ponto (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa, Bata. Reactivated. Good with Gospel huckster [sic] 0750, hymns, kept going through TOH, 27/3 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Kenwood R1000, Horizontal Loop), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

[non]. 15190, Radio Africa. After being heard for several days around the 23rd from about 1450 to past 1500, mixing with IRRS, they now seem to be off the air again during quick checks made March 29 and 30; no hint of them, just a fair signal from IRRS with nothing else. Is Radio Africa gone again? (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa. March 31 checked briefly 1501-1502 and found nothing here; no trace of them or IRRS (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, no signal from R. Africa, March 31 at 1506 after TOM via ROMANIA is off [see SOUTH CAROLINA [non]], nor at 1939 when Bata had been fairly reliable the last couple weeks. Ron Howard was also not

hearing them at the earlier hour on March 29 or 30 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Africa, 15190 in the ``tiny West African nation of``, best at 0600-0730 with American religious teaching in the English language [to put it politely]; also traces prior to 2000, usually QRM from Brazil 15189.93. And 5005, R. Nacional reactivated, poor at 0600, 1915 (Bryan Clark`s DX report, RNZI Mailbox April 2 via DXLD) Dates not specified

15190, Radio Africa (presumed), 1438-1453*, April 2. Seems they are broadcasting somewhat erratically. Had been off for several days, but clearly heard today with the ramblings of Tony Alamo; 1451 song ìYou'll Never Walk Aloneî; after 1453 just dead air; QRM from IRRS (1500* and trx off); after IRRS closed down could still hear the Radio Africa open carrier, but no audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Confirmed Radio Africa is back. 15190 Bata, April 2, 2012. Monday. 1725-1738. Sedate OM preacher preaching, with QRM from a 1 kHz modulated sine wave cutting on and off until just before 1728. At 1730 I was blasted by Tom Jones and "Delilah", followed by several IDs for "Radio Pilipinas". Preacher continues in background, although Pilipinas is giving a very good signal tonight, with talk in presumed Tagalog. Talking about Philippine Airlines as I prepare this mail. Radio Africa fair until Pilipinas came on air. Jo'burg sunset 1605. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, April 2 at 1945, R. Africa is back, poor signal starting or ending a gospel huxter, YL giving 800 number and PO Box in Atlanta, Georgia. By 2014, however, seems to be off as only a much weaker trace on 15190, probably Brasil, with YFR Ascension 15195 ACI added. Bill Bingham, RSA, was also hearing Bata today before 1730 when blasted by R. Pilipinas (which would have been off by 1930) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa at 1939 with a laid back American preacher with a woman offering an occasional ìAmenî then OC from 1955 to 2003 and brief trumpet sounds and off - Fair Apr 3. Victor Goonetilleke has them being quite erratic lately (Mark Coady, Ont., April 3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

15190 Bata, April 3, 2012. Tuesday. 1732-1750. African YL preaching, lots of "the power of God". By 1747, replaced by OM. In the clear tonight, no sign of Pilipinas at all. Unfortunately quite fady but still generally readable. To west Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1604 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. ETI”PIA, 1359 kHz, Voz da RevoluÁ„o TigrÈ, Adis Abeba,

1840-1902*, 30/3, progr. em lÌng.™ local, canÁıes do Corno de ¡frica, alguma m˙sica pop' ocidental, sinal musical de marcaÁ„o; 34332, QRM do IRN e da G. Emiss„o em paralelo c/ 5950, c/ sinal razo·vel (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. ETHIOPIAN RADIO heard on 9705 kHz tonight (12th March) at 2027 tune-in with a programme of non-stop Horn of Africa songs with few announcements by male voice. Closing announcements at 2057 by female voice and off at 2100. Good reception tonight (Edwin Southwell, England, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Following on from Edwin's comments above: 15th March, had just finished listening to REE Spain's 70th anniversary broadcast and flicked the dial slightly up and settled on 9705 just after 2000 where a female was presenting what I presumed to be news and which was followed by some very nice African ìethnicî music (male voice with percussion sounds). Good reception, so stayed with it through until 2100 during which time more of the same ethnic music with female talk between. Later, more obvious Horn of Africa music played. Sign-off announcements at 2059 followed by a National Anthem and off at 2100. Undoubtably R Ethiopia, but no ID heard and I haven't yet got around to Googling a recording of Ethiopia's National Anthem, so I have this as ìpresumedî, and a very pleasant hourís listening (Alan Roe, ibid.)

** EUROPE. Laser has moved frequency slightly again - currently on 6980 kHz with Paul Stewart (29-Mar 0950 UT). (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / ALA 1530, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** EUROPE. 12255, Reflections Europe Radio. Religion in English and Ministry îCall to Worshipî from MA, USA // much weaker 6295 on 25/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** EUROPE. 15060, R. Trans-Europe (presumed), HOLLAND, 1508-..., 31/3, m˙sica pop'; 25432 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 21460.2, Cupid Radio, 1440-1450+, Weak, but fair to good on peaks. March 31 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cupid radio is coming in quite well here in Montreal. Thanks for the tip. Peaking to S6 at times. But there are some deep fades. 1457 UT, 21460.2 kHz. 73's from Montreal (Gilles Letourneau, ibid.)

Cupid Radio now on 15070.28 with pop music. ID at 1545. Weak. Fair on peaks. March 31 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, ibid.)

Hi Brian, Very weak Cupid Radio here on 15070. I can barely make it out through the noise level. Was much better when it was on 21460 earlier. 73's (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, 1601 UT, ibid.)

Just at threshold at 1600 here in Victoria, BC (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

Had the carrier plus weak audio 1536+ in Seattle. I'll need to carefully replay the recording for possible IDs. I also had a carrier on 15065.01 at 1551. Possibly a pirate, but Egypt is listed here in Pashto to AFG at this time (Bruce Portzer, ibid.)

21460.2v, Cupid Radio, 1440-1520*, pop music. Dance music. IDs. Announced ìCupid Radio from The Netherlandsî. SSTV. Frequency slowly drifted up. Was on 21460.14 at tune-in, drifting up to 21460.28 by 1515. March 31.

15070.28, Cupid Radio, 1545-1550, ID, dance music. Weak, but fair on peaks. March 31 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 15020, Radio Mustang, 1419-1430, pop music. ID. Weak, but fair on peaks. March 31 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 15845 USB, Radio Spaceshuttle, 1405-1415, pop music. DJ chatter. Weak but fair on peaks. March 31 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

R·dio Spaceshuttler [sic] 15845 kHz
Enviado por: "Cassio Secundino Borges Santos Secundino"

Ol·, Mais uma escuta de estaÁ„o pirata para a coleÁ„o. R·dio Spaceshuttler - Escandin·via, S·bado 31/03, 0930 UT, sinal 11111-USB. Muita QRM. Mas, conseguiÌ ouvir locuÁıes - vinhetas e ID. Muito bom!! Mas o incrÌvel È que foi ouvida com a antena Loop DZ fabricada pelo Denis localizada na janela do meu aptʃ. AbraÁo a todos, (C·ssio Santos, Receptores e antenas usados: Sony ICF-2010 - Super Loop DZ - Ondas Curtas, AOR AR-7030 Plus - Long Wire 40mts, Icom IC R-75 - Long Wire - 40mts, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Radio Tropiq on 15055-USB at 1506 UT (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, March 31, cumbre DX via DXLD)

31/3, 11450-LSB, Tropiq radio 1607, S10!!!! 44444 Look at the video
http://youtu.be/NwfKDG-C6uI
mirror: http://zlgr.multiply.com/video/item/94
That is supposed to be ONLY 80 Watts (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PIRATE LOGS FOR 31.1 & 1.4 Apr 1, '12 8:48 AM for everyone
Here is the complete listing of all logs made in 31.3 and 1.4 in my special 'pirate radio Dxpedition' together with a big file listing as uploaded in my virtual directory in mediafire. In this listing below you will find R tropic with a video file already uploaded on youtube as also as mirror in this site. The virtual directory can be found in the following address containing this message under the name freqslist.txt just for my over simplification for processing the whole material. http://www.mediafire.com/?85kxui15sn0sa
(Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]. La recuperaciÛn de Las Malvinas desde la radio --- Disculpen el OFF TOPIC pero me pareciÛ interesante este documento sobre la recuperaciÛn de Las Malvinas, relatada desde las voces de locutores de la radio local hace 30 aÒos. Se emitiÛ hoy 1 de abril en el programa "Chueque en Blanco" de Vorterix 103.1 MHz.

http://www.chequeenblanco.com/index.php?
option=com_content&view=article&id=1208%3Aradio-malvinas&catid=21%3Asin-categoria&Itemid=15

73 de LW3ESH (Federico Ch. Tomasczik, Argentina, March 31, condiglist yg via DXLD) Quite an anniversary celebration in Argentina (gh)

** FINLAND. Scandinavian Weekend Radio monthly dates: 6-7 Apr, 4-5 May, 1-2 June, plus Midnight Sun Radio, 22-23 June, 24 hours starting on Fridays (via Alan Pennington, April BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)
see http://www.swradio.net for detailed frequency, program schedule, low power on 25 and 49 m bands (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** GERMANY. 3995, 1945-0030, 28-29.03, R 700, Kall-Krekel, German tests for all night service (?) with non-stop German and English songs, several singing jingle-IDs: "Radio Sieben Hundert", but no ann! Also heard at 0740-0800 29.03 with songs and German ann (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde where the spring has appeared strongly during the past week, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Radio Saxonia on air this Weekend
   Radio Saxonia on air - - - - - Easterñtime 2012

Hier das Radio Saxonia Osterprogramm im ‹berblick:
This is the Easter-schedule of Radio Saxonia in overview:

Freitag, 06.04.12 08.00 UT 6255 kHz. +
Sonntag, 08.04.12 07.00 UT 6255 kHz.

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                   08.00 UT  9480 kHz. Via MV Baltic Radio
                   09.00 UT  6255 kHz.
                   11.00 UT  9480 kHz. Via MV Baltic Radio
Montag,  09.04.12  08.00 UT  9480 kHz. Via MV Baltic Radio
                   09.00 UT  6255 kHz.  +
                   11.00 UT
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via MV Baltic Radio 1KW , ì+î - 700 W Relaystation.
Jede Sendung l‰uft 1 Stunde / 1-h-program each.

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Reports and comments much appreciated, vertification by QSL-card
Empfangsberichte und Kommentare werden mit QSL-Karte best‰tigt.

Keep in touch and good listening, Best`73, fffr, Augustus Rex (via
Manuel MÈndez, Spain, April 3, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Deutsche Welle Cologne, nine years later

Here are, mixed with photos from an open house day at neighbouring
Deutschlandfunk, pictures of the former Deutsche Welle headquarters,
in particular the parking lot entrance which is meanwhile close to
being overgrown:
http://radioforum.foren.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,993532,1001918#msg-1001918

The building stands empty since. Rumours have it that soon somebody
will start to redevelop the towers, for an unknown new purpose.

Due to an unfriendly tour guide the referenced posting does not
include studio photos. Apparently it was only this particular lady who
banned taking photos, thus...
http://radioforum.foren.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,993532,1001533#msg-1001533

"DLF-Nachrichtenred aktion" is the newsroom. Next photo what would in
BBC speak be the cubicle used for much of the live output (so could be
called "the 6190 kHz studio"), with the news studio to the left (with
access from the newsroom) and the main studio for hosts and guests to
the right. Below that the master control, main control room, NOC,
whatever you want to call the Schaltraum in English. And below that
the studio of DRadio Wissen.

Bottom line is of course that attending such open house days is just a
waste of time, if one does not consider having some fun reason enough
to bother (Kai Ludwig, March 29, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GREECE. John Babbis found a press release on the ERT website about
a special marathon broadcast April 2 to raise money for those who

cannot afford medications, involving the SW service at 0600-1900 UT, headlined in translation: ``The "VOICE OF GREECE" - SOLIDARITY VOICE RADIOMARATHON FOR SOCIAL PHARMACY, THE HOLY ARCHIEPISKOPIS ATHENS``

Apparently explaining the lack of response from VOG about an A-12 schedule is this via Chris Rigas, IL to the DXLD yahoogroup:

TECHNICIAN SHORTAGE AT VOICE OF GREECE

Voice of Greece (ERA5), the shortwave service of ERT, faces lack of qualified technical personnel. According to the Association of Engineers and Technicians of ERT, the remaining permanent employees at the Emission Center at Avlida are preparing to retire and the Centre will be handed over to new technical personnel that will be employed as contract employees only. "New technicians need at least three years within the group in order to gain the necessary experience to support the Emission Center. The same happens with other facilities. With the new system at ERT of contracting technicians for only one or two years, the ERT faces the problem of not having enough qualified personnel to do the necessary work at the ERT broadcasting facilities," notes the Association of Engineers and Technician of ERT. Full article in Greek here: http://www.radiofono.gr/node/3161
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Below is the Google Translation to English of that above article.

Not Enough Technicians at ERA.
Submitted by radiofono.gr on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

Short working conditions dismissals state radio cuts 9.58FM ERT ERT3 PASYMITE plan Mosialos Voice of Greece Athens Thessaloniki Greece Evros Avlis theme.

Difficult moments passed by the Greek Radio on the technical staff that supports the broadcasting of radio programs. Technical studio support personnel transponders have dropped dramatically in recent months due to massive retirements and non-renewal of contracts. The shifts do not come out, the studios are merged, the lesions treated in the province on a scale from Athens.

The constant threat of contraction appears that ERT caused a months-long internal collapse in demand rather than "consolidation." The "tough" pronouncements of the then Minister Elias Mossialos (although not yet implemented) resulted in terrorizing much of the ERT personnel who were close to retirement. Among them were hundreds of technicians needed to produce and broadcast radio program. The result was a surprise: only 15 days following the announcements Mosialos, 140 technicians ERT filed for retirement. Simultaneously, many contractors

saw their contracts to expire without renewal perspective, since the target for cuts in ERT showed no sensitivity to technical issues.

The problems created are important, such as emission centers. In many places very little staff left to care for the operation of transmitters of radio and television: In Evros, 3 out of 4 technicians ERT had filed for retirement, while the situation is similar in Thessaloniki. Complete the Greek province, ERT is forced to pay the travel expenses techniques to move from city to city in order to repair damage or perform maintenance on relays. The costs for these movements reach high amounts, it can include motor fuel or air tickets, ferry tickets and hotels, which often exceed the aggregate cost of employing permanent staff.

The short of the "Voice of Greece" (ERA 5) are also at risk of understaffing. According to the Association of Engineers and Technicians ERT, the last permanent Broadcast Center at Avlis short of getting ready to retire and the center will be delivered to young technicians under contract. "A new technician wants at least three years within the complex to get the necessary experience to support the center. The same applies to other facilities. With the system of contracts for one or two years, ERT drives the technical as soon as they learn the job!" If there is no immediate concern, including the permanent staff through ASEP, we risk losing the baton and abandoned premises of several million," due to lack of expertise in specialized subject matter.

The technical staff shortages hit and Thessaloniki. One of the victims was 9.58, which can be spared for the moment the shutdown, but suffered a significant reduction in logistical level. In the past months the studio was dissolved in the flow 6 Angelaki Angelaki and moved to 14, while the auxiliary recording studio becomes inactive.

As a result of all of the Greek Radio seems to be increasingly in crisis, as an infrastructure technology and decades of experience seems to lead to collapse. The cost goes up instead of shrinking as mergers are not random and chart, while not seen the money of the subscribers to the ERT spent or returned to the same, or decreases, or essential services program. (via John Babbis-MD-USA, Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld March 30, via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** GREECE [and non]. 15650, March 30 at 1354 I am standing by for VOG to come on, but only a very poor signal from something else, still same past 1400. Was it Brother Scare via IRRS via Romania as in Aoki, not HFCC, as alternate(?) to 15190? I don`t think so, and after 1400 R Liberty in Turkmen via Wertachtal is surely there. Finally at 1406 I am hearing the same fast SAH as produced by Greece before colliding with RL, and second audio, weak music from Athens (Glenn Hauser, OK,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Heard tonight on remote SDR unit in Athens, Greece, all three txs on air! Two broadcasts on 19 mb.
2300-2357 15650/105 15630/285 9420/323
73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All three ERT Avlis on air opened 1350 til 1359 UT
9420, 15650, and 9935 kHz, all S=9+20 - 30 dB strong.

but when checked at 1402 UT: break down of Thessaloniki 9935 kHz, nil signal now. 73 (B¸schel, March 31, ibid.)

Dear Wolfy: Nothing here at 1814 UT on 7450 or 9420. 15630 came in at SINPO 45344 when VOG changed frequencies from 15650 to 15630 at 1800 UT, evidently with an antenna change from 105 to 285 degrees at the same time. So, I think that we should change the azimuth heading of the 15650 station to 105 degrees from 1400 to 1800 (John Babbis, Maryland, March 31, ibid.)

7475 // 9420 and much weaker // 15650 detectable April 1 at 0135, VOG with Greek music. So all three transmitters funxioning at the moment and probably about to close at 0200 as others have reported, tho unchecked further here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, seems that all stop by 0200 and 15630 goes to 7475 kHz at 0000. (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Apr 2, ibid.)

Notice that Greece seems to be killing its tx's on 9420 and 7475 at a little after 0200Z on a regular basis -- bit of a weird time being 4 or 5 a.m. local. 73, (Theo Donnelly, BC, UT April 1, ODXA yg via DXLD)

9420 // weaker 7475 and weaker 7450, April 3 at 0019 with Greek music, so all three VOG transmitters are operating now, and not on 15 MHz. Usage may vary from day to day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New start time for evening programs from Greece effective Mar. 25:
ERT-3 Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias in Greek:
from 1400 on 9935 AVL 100 kW 285 deg to WeEu, not from 1500 on same

ERA-5 Voice of Greece in Greek:
from 1400 on 9420 AVL 170 kW 323 deg to WeEu, not from 1500 on same
from 1400 on 15650#AVL 100 kW 285 deg to WeEu, not from 1500 on 15630
strong co-channel Radio Liberty in Turkmen. And what time is the end for ERA-5 Voice of Greece, maybe 0300 not 0400 (DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

No, -0200, per extensive monitoring by John Babbis, et al. (gh, DXLD)

15630, April 4 at 1801, ``IFTH`` ID in Greek with frequencies, 1805 playing jazz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOICE OF GREECE HOME PAGE IN GREEK

This seems to be Voice of Greece's new Home Page. Now, if they ever update it, we will get the new A-12 Frequencies.
Hit this: http://www.ert.gr/voiceofgreece/
Under Profile Hit the third one [starting with Sigma; leads to schedule dated Sept 2011] (John Babbis, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, seems, that the link http://www.voiceofgreece.gr doesn't work. Hopefully the info will be updated soon! Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

** GREECE. Hello from us. We send the new frequencies and many wishes for MI a good Easter and Happy Easter. Happy Easter From the "Voice of Greece" Natasha Vissarionos (April 4, to & via John Babbis, DXLD) Viz:

ERT. S.A: THE VOICE OF GREECE SHORT WAVE TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE
Effective from 25/03/12 to 28/10/12

EUROPE
0000-0200 9420 7475*
1400-1900 9420
1900-2400 9420 15630*

TASKEND [as in Tashkent, Uzbekistan; lots of Greeks there???]
1400-1600 9420

M EAST, INDIAN OCEAN, AUSTRALIA
1400-1900 15650*
0100-0200 15650*

ATLANTIC OCEAN
0000-0100 7475 15650*
0100-0200 9420 7475*
1900-2400 9420 15630*

N AMERICA
0000-0300 9420 7475*
2300-2400 9420 15630*

SOUTH AMERICA, S ATLANTIC OCEAN, PANAMA ZONE
2000-2400 15630*

S America-S Atlantic

2300-0100 15650*

(*) Transmission end 10 min earlier

Gr=Greek, Eng=English, Al=Albanian, Ar=Arabian, Bg=Bulgarian,
F=French, E= Spanish, G= German, Pl=Polish, R=Romanian, Rus= Russian,
Sc=Servocroatian, Tr=Turkish

[but NO times specified for languages: remnant on schedule template;
this no longer includes the R. Filia service containing them!]

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(from xls via John Babbis, transformed to text, eliminating meter band
clutter and otherwise cleaned up by Glenn Hauser for WORLD OF RADIO
1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note: this now shows the total span is 14-02 UT as we have been
monitoring {oops, still shows -03 to NAm, but not heard after 02}.
Note some target areas/times overlap, as there is likely no change in
parameters. This nominal usage is apparently based on
traditional/historical reasons. This should be taken as the `official`
rough guide, as we recently heard VOG on an unlisted but previously
used frequency before 0200, 7450 as well as 7475, 9420. And there well
may be further variations (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John Babbis has been updating the known schedule daily; as of April 5:

THE VOICE OF GREECE (ERA-5) (ERT-3)
A-12 Short-wave Transmission Schedule
(Effective March 25 to October 28, 2012)

UT	Avlis 1 (100 kw)	Avlis 2 (100 kw)	Avlis 3 (170 kw)
0000-0100	*15650/226∫	7475/285∫	9420/323∫
0100-0200	*15650/105∫	*7475/285∫	9420/323∫
0200-0300		*7475/285∫	9420/323∫
0300-1400	SILENT	SILENT	SILENT
1400-1500	#9935/285∫	15650/105∫	9420/323∫
1500-1600	#9935/285∫	15650/105∫	9420/323∫
1600-1700	*#9935/285∫	15650/105∫	9420/323∫

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1700-1800   #7450/323∫   15650/105∫  9420/323∫
1800-1900   #7450/323∫  *15650/105∫  9420/323∫
1900-2000   #7450/323∫   15630/285∫  9420/323∫
2000-2100   #7450/323∫   15630/285∫  9420/323∫
2100-2200   #7450/323∫   15630/285∫  9420/323∫
2200-2300  *#7450/323∫   15630/285∫  9420/323∫
2300-2400   15650/226∫  *15630/285∫  9420/323∫
           *Transmission ends 10 minutes earlier
#ERT-3 Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias (Thessaloniki) via Avlis 1
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** GREECE [non]. Re: why is ``TASKEND`` one of VOG`s specific targets?

Greeks in Uzbekistan --- From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

There are approximately 9,000 ethnic Greeks in Uzbekistan. The community is made up of Greeks from Russia who were deported by force from that country to Uzbekistan in the 1940s, and political refugees from Greece. About 30,000 Greeks lived in the country before World War II and a further 11,000 arrived after the Greek Civil War. Their numbers have dwindled from a high of some 40,000 in the 1960s. The main reason is emigration to Greece after the end of the Cold War when laws allowed the return of all ethnic Greeks who had been exiled for political reasons after the Greek Civil War. The biggest Greek community in the country is in the capital city of Tashkent where most of the Greek political refugees were relocated by the Soviet authorities. In ancient times the south of the country was part of the Hellenistic Seleucid Kingdom but the few Greek communities there have since assimilated.

The most important organization representing ethnic Greeks is the Greek Cultural Association of Tashkent. The activities of this organization include Greek language instruction (19 classes with a total of 571 students, classes for adults) and the teaching of Greek dances and music (via John Babbis, DXLD)

** GREECE. 7450, 1713-1905 23.03, Macedonian R Station, via Avlis. Greek religious chanting until 1817, then preaching, 1900 Greek music. Replaced 9935! 54544. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

7450. RS Macedonia, Avlis. Talks in Greek and ID at 1900 on 26/3. By the way, the // frequency on MW 1044 was closed and their 2nd program on 1179 KHz, and sport channel on 792 (and // 981) also were ceased. So from Thessaloniki may listening only on SW and FM and ?STL? (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Other reports had it that at Thessaloniki only 1044 (Perea site, already under demolition now) and 1179 (ex-YENED site at Malgara) have been closed down while 792 (100 kW Harris transmitter years ago donated by IBB, diplexed into the 1179 antenna at Malgara) continues. So what's the current situation?

(Can't be checked from Germany, co-channel Limoges dominates here.) (Kai Ludwig, April 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hallo! I monitored 792 kHz from BOC 27 meeting 31 march to 04 april in the Liguria coast border to Tuscany coast with good friend Giampiero Bernardini. 792 khz Megara TX listened active at afternoon/evening with ERA SPORT programs, Radio France Info TX Limoges easily looped. So 792 kHz from Greece is ACTIVE.

Can anyone help to ID Greek stations on 1260, 1287, 1305 kHz around 1720 - 1930 hours. Thanks and good listenings (Dario & Giampiero, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Any help here?
http://www.thegreekradio.com/node/3140
(Ydun Ritz, Denmark, ibid.)

Checked the MW range on remote Greece SDR unit at 1445 UT:
792 kHz is on air, 1044 and 1179 kHz are both off, according table 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) Viz.:

13 stations to cease for ever:

Ioannina	765 kHz	Larissa	945 kHz	Heraklion	954 kHz
Attica	981 kHz	Perea	1044 kHz	Orestiada	1080 kHz
Malgara	1179 kHz	Tripolis	1314 kHz	Pyrgos	1350 kHz
Volos	1485 kHz	Serres	1584 kHz	Kavala and Kozani	1602 kHz

9 stations remain open:

Location	Freq(kHz)	PowerkW	Emitted program
1 Boyati Attica	729	100	EPA 1 (NET 105.8)
2 Megara, Attica	666	100	FILIA
3 Malgara Thessaloniki	792	100	ERA SPORT

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4	Corfu	1008	100	Local Progr and National Progr
5	Komotini, Rodopi	1404	100	Local Progr and National Progr
6	Chania	1512	100	Local Progr and National Progr
7	Rhodes, Dodecanese	1494	100	Local Progr and National Progr
8	Zante	927	50	Local Progr and National Progr
9	Florina	1278	10	Local Progr and National Progr

Interrupt function:

Location	Freq(kHz)	kW	Year establ	Emitted program
1 Ioannina	765	10	1968	Local Program
2 Larissa	945	5	1965	Local Program
3 Heraklion	954	10	1972	Local Program
4 Attica	981	200	1963	NRA Sports
5 Perea	1044	150	1947	102FM ERT3
6 Orestiada	1080	10	1970	Local Program
7 Malgara	1179	100	1997	958FM ERT3
8 Tripolis	1314	10	1968	Local Program
9 Pyrgos	1350	3	1959	Local Program
10 Volos	1485	1	1948	Local Program
11 Serres	1584	1	1959	Local Program
12 Kavala	1602	1	1967	Local Program
13 Kozani	1602	1	1967	Local Program

(radiofono.gr, Febr 27, 2012; via Felix Lechte-D, A-DX March 2, 2012 via B¸schel, DXLD)

** GREECE. KAVALA SITE SOLD? (ARTICLE fROM RADIOFONO.GR) [translated]

Already Sold the Land "The Voice of America"?
Submitted by radiofono.gr on Fri, March 9, 2012 - 20:54.

IBC George Pavlidis Thrace Region VOA Nestos Xanthi in the band

There was strong reaction of the major opposition party in the Region of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace, the information indicating that the extent of the "Voice of America" in the Nestos Delta granted to a private operator for 99 years. The story ostooso controlled because it is not confirmed what the contractor company IBC, or if there has been some confusion with the International Broadcasting Center, which is officially in "recovery"

The announcement of the party states: "Unknown transfers of property of the Greek government, Greek citizens, who lost for 99 years without winning anything substantial, evolving with the best properties in the country. Read that applies to our region because after what we heard and written about 30 years on the attempted transfer of the main geothermal fields of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, it seems that preceded another ... "fillet" of government. This is the area on the

Nestos Delta, thousands of acres, which operated until in 2006 the "Voice of America." refers to the transfer company IBC (; ;) for 99 years! Unfortunately we did not know until now nothing, nor land of immense value? What were the advertising procedures before it, so none of us learned nothing? Who participated in the "contest"? Why 99 years? has to do with English law? Who asked by our society? The Region and Mr. Giannakidis why not informed about any? It is possible, as a leading institution not know what is happening in our country? "

"The Leader of the Opposition REMT, former Prefect of Xanthi, George Pavlidis commented:" Scaring when informed that the land around us, the fillet with thousands of acres of the former "Voice of America," of immense value, was sold for 99 years without get the news! with our institutional role as citizens and not-given-that knowledge-disclosure is a fundamental element of transparency and competition for more benefits, we ask publicly: transferred and whose benefit the more true if we ask public responses by all parties in Athens, Mr. Giannakidis locally, that were all, released, who are knowledgeable, who participated in what was transferred and on what terms. transparency is not possible to name any purpose or desirability of the overlook. expect answers. neither apathetic or will stay silent (via John Babbis, MD, March 30, DXLD)

** GREECE. MEDIUM AND SHORT WAVE EMISSION CENTER AT PERAIA HASTILY DISMANTLED --- April 2, 2012

The medium and short wave installations at the emission center in Peraia, are hastily being dismantled following the decision to allow the land to be used for mid-size commercial exploitation.

The building that housed the short wave operations has been completely dismantled. The short wave antennas and all of the medium wave installations will be dismantled in the very near future.

The dismantling of the short wave installations lasted two days. In the process four 35 kW transmitters were scrapped and loaded unto trucks. The transmitters were a gift from the Voice of America to the Hellenic public broadcaster in 1972, when they left the Thessaloniki site. The transmitters operated at Peraia until 2002, when they were switched off when the ERA3 broadcasts were moved to the Avlida site. The building of the medium wave site remains closed, while the lighthouses on top of two medium wave antenna mast continue to operate. The Siemens built medium wave transmitter have already been removed in early March by technicians of the Komotini and Rhodes broadcast centers since they need spare parts for their medium wave transmitters.

Next on the agenda is the removal of the short wave antennas, as well

as the diesel generators. The dismantling operation has been contracted by ERT to a private company. The contractor will sell all the iron scrap by the kilo, with ERT receiving percentage of the profit.

Translated from the original source in Greek language:
http://www.radiofono.gr/node/3173

Picture of the medium wave antennas at Peraia:
http://www.radiofono.gr/files/images/peraia.preview.jpg
(via Christos Rigas, Wood Dale, Illinois, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GUAM. 13362-USB, AFN, 1306 and 1331, April 1. Normally by this time period they would have switched over to 5765-USB, but not today; CBS TV audio feed; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: AFN

** GUAM. 13575, April 3 at 1409, very poor signal in Chinese, vs CODAR. Scheduled is KSDA, 14-15 daily, 100 kW, 300 degrees. Since it`s a weekday, no WINB to cope with this early from 13570 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 15620

** GUYANA. 3290, Voice of Guyana noted with multiple birthday greeting 0900 to 1030 on 26 March (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key) 23 March birthday greeting to 11 year old. at 0940. Miss the 1988 - funeral announcements with "call names". Call names seem dropped (Wilkner) (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7; XM - Cedar Key - South Florida NRD 525D - R8A - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Call names, what are those? Here`s one forum discussing them:
http://www.westindiesforum.com/under-the-baobab-tree/call-name/
It seems that most people in Guyana are (or were) known by their call names, (nicknames) rather than real names (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** INDIA. WHY DOORDARSHAN AND ALL INDIA RADIO NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED

The government is neglecting public broadcasting to make it easy to open up these networks for privatization --- Farah Rahman

For most of my life, I have slept with a radio. Much more treasured than any stuffed toy or human for that matter, the radio has been my constant companion. Childhood memories are necessarily filled with All India Radio (AIR). More at:
http://www.livemint.com/2012/04/02113055/Views--Why-Doordarshan-and-Al.html?h=A1
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD)

The A-12 schedule of AIR is now avaialble in their official web site

as follows:
http://allindiaradio.gov.in/schedule/fqsch.html
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, April 3, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. I'm often amused by the Faithfully Yours presenter reminding - almost pleading - listeners NOT to send IRCs. I wonder if the AIR bureaucracy requires a whole lot of form filling to account for the IRC's. Anyway - that'll be less of an issue for us listeners in the UK as we can no longer buy them in this country.

AIR General Overseas Service has plenty of music programmes featuring all manner of Indian music including a programme of Film Songs on Sundays at 2110 (heard on 26 February on 9445) which was followed at 2130 by the programme ìOf Filmsî which featured Majrooh Sultanpuri who was originally a doctor who subsequently became a film lyricist. I havenít heard AIR Vividh Bharati much during the B-11 season, but on 17 March found the station on 9870 with good reception on 9870 from 1705 tune-in. A great station for listening to Indian variety music ñ usually film tunes. Stayed with this for 20 minutes before moving on (Alan Roe, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** INDIA. 11620, April 1 at 0156, S Asian vocal music with flutter. This is AIR`s Urdu service, 0015-0430, 500 kW, 240 degrees from Bangaluru per Aoki.

11620, April 3 at 0011, fluttery open carrier, no doubt AIR prior to 0015 Urdu service via Bengaluru; at 0020 it`s modulating music.

[and non]. CRI gets into India unimpeded for countless SW frequency-hours in Bengali, English, Hindi and Tamil (and China QRMs lots of Indian MW and tropical band frequencies), but when it comes to AIR`s only attempt to speak Chinese to the Chinese, no way!!! You are not allowed to do that!! Why do the Indians put up with it?

15795, April 4 at 1313, roughly equal mix of two stations, Chinese talk and Indian music, at the end of AIR`s 1145-1315 service, the other no doubt CNR1 jammer, and after Chinese announcements, both go off at the same second 1315* after one of them emits a quick tone. The same happens on // 17705, as sometimes also propagating here, and a third frequency is listed for AIR Chinese, 11840. A12 EiBi shows CNR1 jammers on all three.

13640, April 4 at 1742, something in Russian atop CCI, i.e. per HFCC: CRI Russian 308 degrees via Urumchi, EAST TURKISTAN, and AIR Arabic, 300 degrees via Bangalore, colliding between 1730 and 1800.

13695, April 4 at 1743, AIR IS over CCI talk. 1745 mixed talk from

both. HFCC has nothing but RFI in French here, tho AIR uses 13695 much earlier. Aoki, however does show AIR GOS starting 1745 on 13695 via Bangaluru; why isn`t that in HFCC like the earlier AIRs on 13695?

BTW, Google refuses to accept the spelling ``Bangaluru``, instead displaying 238,000,000 hits for ``Bangalore``. That of course is the passÈ spelling, so how about the now preferred ``Bengaluru``? That does work with 32,000,000 hits, so Aoki has apparently merged the old way with the new way (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. 6115, TWR India (Samara) presumed this mixing with VoS 8 March 1506-1530. Sked 15-1530 in Urdu. Mostly chat with occasional subcontinental style songs, possible sked info at 1511 with mention of FM, kHz, MHz, 1528 closing with some info in English: "program, 1373, Pakistan, 9234--578, 3949 Dhaka, metreband", anthem & off. Leaving JBA unID with droning style song. (VOIRI (Sirjan) is sked 1530-1730 in Urdu). (Dan Sheedy, CA, G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach, via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya. On March 29 very late signing on; not heard at 1205, 1230 or 1257, but was on by 1418.

March 30 from 1209 to 1226 with the usual Jakarta news relay; // 3995 RRI Kendari (poor, but for a change the ham QRM not too bad) and 9680 RRI Jakarta (heavy CNR1 QRM); news ends with the usual patriotic national song; 1227 no longer // (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 7290a, RRI Nabire, 16 March 0856-0914* "old school" Indonesian pop, flute/pennywhistle across TOH, M intro'ing Qur'an recitation with "salaam..", Qur'an read until off mid-sura at 0914. Thanks to Ron Howard's tip on this -- first time heard this year and always a treat (Dan Sheedy, CA G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. V of INDONESIA observed on at 1703 UT on 9526 kHz with talk, retuned at around 1730 with male talking in Spanish and some English announcements such as programme highlights. Also in English were SLBC Colombo IDs and VOA IDs. Not sure what station this was until clear Voice of Indonesia ID at 1758. Could these English station IDs have been part of a DX programme? Heard on Saturday 3rd March (Edwin Southwell, England, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

9526-, March 29 at 1312, VOI has improved today from `just barely modulated` to `barely modulated`, so much so that I can detect it`s really in English! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1610, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, Voice of Indonesia, 1305 Mar 30, English, woman starting news, to 1312. Very poor, low modulation (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, March 31 at 1331, zero signal during the VOI English hour today tho 9680 RRI was well audible.

9680, March 31 at 1407, RRI with Indonesian singing, accompanied by hi-pitched audio cutting on and off rapidly almost like fast CW; more obvious by tuning BFO plus or minus 5 to either sideband. I think it`s coming from the same transmitter. Nothing audible from the Taiwan / Mainland radio war which used to collide with 9680 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9680.04, RRI Jakarta, 1130-1145 March 31, At tune, noted MOR music in Indonesian language. At the end of current song, a female comments with a quick ID heard followed with comments. After a minute, more music is presented. Signal is good, but can hear Chinese language comments underneath Jakarta.

Note: Checked 9525 and 9526 this morning for Voice of Indonesia, but didn't hear anything there? Using NRD545 (Chuck Bolland, Clewisgton FL, 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, April 4 at 1306, VOI has fair signal but very undermodulated, sounds like English intonation; useless (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 15150, March 29 at 1326, nice chanting, not exactly Qur`anic, from VIRI`s lengthy Arabic service, per Aoki 0530-1427, 500 kW, 289 degrees from Zahedan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

~0330Z, a massive signal on 11920 with Koranic chants, and intriguing quick announcements in accented EE. It never dawned on me till I checked Aoki moments ago that it would be Iran. 73, (Theo Donnelly, BC, UT April 1, ODXA yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 9985, 1530 28 Feb, jamming, presumably intended for Kol Israel in Persian, little bit of speech breaking through but indistinguishable (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, HF Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 29/3, 6973, Galei Zahal, 2112 again here. S5 and songs (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Galei Zahal, 15785, 5 kW in Hebrew, heard *over* CRI English at 0500,

with recording (Bryan Clark`s DX report, RNZI Mailbox April 2 via DXLD)

Galei Zahal --- In questo istante 1845 UT sui 15785 kHz qui a Lodi mi sta arrivando fortissima -rispetto al solito- Galei Zahal, 45334. Ciao (Matteo, Italy? April 2, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

I mentioned the 15785 GLZ / CRI co-channel interference to someone at GLZ. He said that he was going to research and get back to me. I see that people in the US are having such clash. I saw an early report about a European listener. Is there still a clash in Europe?

Since the frequency is aimed at Europe, I want to make sure to include a recent report from there. I have no idea what the research has been, but I haven't heard back in a few days, and want to send forward some evidence, if the clash is still occurring (Doni Rosenzweig, April 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Galei Tzahal WAS NOT on air on April 4th in 6-7 UT slot, missed both 6973 and 15785. Heard only on air co-channel 15785 CRI Beijing, English 03-05, Chinese 05-0658 UT close down sharp.

But reception in Germany suffers more of BBC Arabic from Zyyi Cyprus on next door 15790 kHz at 05-08 UT. Listen to the attached recording of this morning, started with 6 kHz bandwidth, and and switched in between to 12 kHz, which shows the BBC Arabic interference from 15790 kHz.

[later] but Galei Tzahal was back on air when checked at 0925 UT, S=9 in Germany, AM signal, not USB (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 4) Regards wolfy df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Daniel, here are a few observations of 15785 kHz this morning, 4 April 2012, from my own and various remote Perseus receivers throughout Europe:
Leipzig, 0643 UTC: Only CRI in Mandarin. QRM from BBC in Arabic 15790.
Austria, 0644 UTC: Same.
England, 0645: Same.
Finland, 0646: Same.
Greece, 0647: Same.
Italy, 0649: Same.

The CRI signal strength varied between S=2 and S=4 at different locations with different antennas. But CRI closed down at 0658, leaving 15785 totally empty, not a trace of a carrier from GLZ on any of those receivers, nor on receivers in Japan. So was GLZ on the air at all?

Another problem is the BBC in Arabic, which uses 15790 from Cyprus (0500-0800 UTC) and puts a very strong signal into Europe. On most receivers, that splatter was louder on 15785 than CRI. With a Perseus, you can filter much of it, but not every listener can do that. Best regards, (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig / Germany, Perseus SDR + DX-10 pro active antenna, ibid.)

Yes, checking from my Perseus clips from Monday, CRI was dominant the whole time. GZ has started using USB again. Eike, did you try that? Then BBC splash is even worse. The time checked was between 0300-0700; between 0100-0200 CRI was very weak. And correction: at least now at 1000 GZ is in AM, maybe I made a mistake earlier, the signal was weak. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15785, April 4 at 1754, very poor signal with music in AM mode; or at least there was a carrier and sounded the same on LSB and USB tuning. Galei Tzahal had been using USB here; or was that also with reduced carrier? Mauno Ritola, Finland, also noticed it`s back in AM. At 1800 timesignal and talk in presumed Hebrew. If they ever move off 15785 to avoid China in the mornings, maybe back on 15850 thruout? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15785, Galei Zahal, 2235-2300, in AM mode. Local pop music. Hebrew talk. Weak, but fair to good on peaks. // 6973 - very weak. April 4 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ISRAEL. ISRAEL RADIO ARCHIVE COULD MAKE WAY FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICES
FYI: From the Ha'aretz online edition (2 April 2012)
73 et shalom/salaam/namaste de (Jim Gershman, K1JJJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/israel-radio-archive-could-make-way-for-executive-offices-1.422018

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Israel Radio archive could make way for executive offices

The archive, located on two floors, is visited daily by television and radio journalists, program researchers and students.
By Emilie Grunzweig

The Israel Broadcasting Authority plans to move the Israel Radio archive and replace it with executive offices, but has yet to confirm what will happen to its contents, which journalists say they refer to every day.

The archive, located on two floors, contains news clippings from the

past 40 years, copies of government reports and a gallery with numerous bookcases. The material is arranged by topic and by people's names, and it is visited daily by television and radio journalists, program researchers and students.

"This is an incredibly important archive, one of the best journalism archives in the country," said an IBA journalist. The archive contains, "books that you can't find anywhere else, and the only source for finding what had been published about important affairs of the past," the journalist added.

Another IBA source noted that "the archive contains clippings from more than 40 years ago, periods that you can't access with Google."

Several employees were bewildered as to why it was so urgent to build new offices before deciding what would happen to the archive.

One of the new rooms to be built there is slated for the IBA's new human resources administrator, Ilana Rabinovich, the wife of Zelig Rabinovich, a senior advisor to the authority's CEO.

The archive's sole employee retired at the end of last week. A second employee who had worked there was moved six months ago to work in the CEO's office. One possibility raised was that the material would be transferred to the Israel Television archives, which has other materials, mostly films and videos, but there has been no announcement to this effect.

The IBA said that it was considering the transfer of "the newspaper clippings, most of which are unreadable, to digital media, so that they will be accessible to all IBA workers".

Asked about the new offices and what would be done with the archives until it is digitized, the IBA said, "we don't assign rooms to our workers and executives via the newspaper, and we don't respond to the spins of interested parties." (via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Found (17 March at 1727) NHK World Radio Japan in Japanese on 15445 (via Wertachtal) playing, of all things, sixties Merseybeat songs ñ The Beatles ìA Taste of Honeyî, ìPlease Please Meî & ìDo You Want to Know a Secretî and Gerry and the Pacemakers with ìHow Do You Do What You Do To Meî amongst others. One of the great things about random tuning around the shortwave bands ñ you never know what youíre going to hear next! That's not something you get by online listening (Alan Roe, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

I also run across quite a wide variety of music on this and other NHK Japanese broadcasts, probably domestic relays (gh, DXLD)

[non]. 6080 via Bonaire in Spanish, 6110 via Canada in English, NHK relays with same feature programming from 0515 UT March 29: about a Japanese expert who helped make some rocky land in Nepal arable. Switching back and forth, the same text in each language was running within the same minute. Also on 6250 leapfrog in Spanish.

[non]. 11705, March 31 at 1403, R. Japan news in English, fair signal at S9+12. Remember when NHK was nice enough to relay this frequency via Sackville to North America? Then for a while it was via Japan simultaneously with an echo; then only from Japan. And now in A-12 it`s from a new site, PALAU due west, but which turns out to be sufficient again here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11705, PALAU, NHK World Radio Japan, 1400 Mar 30, English, ID, into a report about Iraq and 9th anniversary of the war. Poor, // 15735 via Uzbekistan, fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6110, April 1 at 0500, R. Japan via CANADA, has resumed opening English broadcasts with `Sakura` and frequencies instead of going directly into news without even an ID; a welcome development. 0501 the deep-voiced laid-back newscaster introduces himself as Hirokazu Kazamaki, if I copied all the syllables correctly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. New services from Radio Japan NHK World

Hello BDXC members, Radio Japan NHK World have commence new relayed broadcasts from A12 season. One of their shortwave English and Indonesian services transmits from the new relay site in Palau where owned T8WH (World Harvest Radio)

The schedule is 1315-1430 UT on 11705 (1315-1400 in Indonesian and 1400-1430 in English) beamed West. It's the very first time for them to have relayed service from Palau. In addition, new local relayed services are available in Tanzania and Brazil.

As for Tanzania, they have new local FM broadcast partners, like TBC FM (Dar-es-Salaam, 94.6 MHz) and other 21 stations. They relay Swahili service from 1730 to 1800 UT.

In Brazil, the new partner named University Radio Gazeta AM (890 kHz) in the state of Sao Paulo, relay Portuguese service in 0900-0930 UT.

Radio Japan NHK World have 12 short-wave, five medium-wave and five local FM relayed services worldwide, right now.

You can see the details from the following URL;
http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/japanese/radio/shortwave/all_201110.pdf

(Koji Hoshi, from Japan, weblog :
http://listening-overseas.air-nifty.com/radio/ (Only in English) BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

NHK em S„o Paulo --- Estive presente nesta tarde de domingo no evento da NHK e me surpreender o n˙mero de emissoras, estimados em 100 pessoas, contando com a presenÁa da apresentadora da emissora Sonia Nakagawa, acompanhada do apresentador Gilson da R·dio Gazeta. A emissora japonesa em breve ter· seus programas retransmitidos diariamente pela Gazeta AM SP 890 kHz. TambÈm ir· disponibilizar os programas para quem tem Smartphone em breve. Foi um evento maravilhoso, onde muitos sÛ ouvem a emissora pela internet, fenÙmeno que comeÁou segunda a apresentadora, apÛs o o 11 de marÁo quando o paÌs sofreu com o terremoto.Peguntei ainda sobre a "saude" do serviÁo em ondas curtas e ela disse que n„o se fala na emissora em encerramento ou qualquer alteraÁ„o (Cassiano A. Macedo. Programa Encontro DX, 1 April, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** KAZAKHSTAN. (or IS it??) 11510, Family Radio *1357-1456* 20/21 March. Aoki has this 14-15 in Urdu via Almaty, but info from DXLD says that site closed as of 1 March (did anyone tell the techs in Almaty?) Anyway, opens with OC, 'YFR trumpet IS, yak in (presumed) Urdu with frequent Family Radio mentions, into (again, presumed) Bible reading / devotional yak, Family Radio website info at :37, closes with classical piano selection :52-:55, announcement by M and very quick blip (3-6 sec.) of trumpet IS. Signal usually improves over time from poor to fair, and Family Radio in English via Hu Wei, Taiwan on 11540 is usually weaker during same monitoring period (Dan Sheedy, CA, G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. VOICE OF KOREA STILL HAVING PROBLEMS STAYING ON-AIR
North Korea Tech By Martyn Williams March 27, 2012

Voice of Korea, the DPRKís international shortwave radio broadcaster, is still having technical problems that result in entire broadcasts failing to make it on-air. The problems began just over a month ago when some Voice of Korea broadcasts failed to appear at their scheduled times. Now, a month later, the broadcaster is still failing to match its schedule. Today, on March 27, some of the scheduled transmissions were heard but others were missing.
http://www.northkoreatech.org/
(via Mike Terry, March 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

Thanks, I should have posted that here myself. Has anyone noticed any A12 changes for VOK? The final week of B11 went by with absolutely no

mention of new frequencies and VOK continues to be heard on its B11 schedule -- at least as far as I can make out from the US west coast (Martyn Williams, CA, March 30, ibid.)

As far as I remember North Korea used to change on April 1st; usually to the previous "A" period fq's. 73, (Erik Koie, Copenhagen, ibid.)

Erik, Thanks. There have been no announcements all week on the English broadcasts. The last couple of periods, they've spent the week before the frequency changes reading out the new schedule. I'll see what happens next week and also check some of the other language services. Perhaps they are making no changes? (Martyn Williams, March 31, ibid.)

Hello, KRE Radio is still on winter schedule B-11 at present today. I guess they start on Sunday April 15th with their A-12 schedule. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 1, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6020, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata. After 1400 noted in English for Friday, March 30; moderate jamming (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Upcoming frequency change of Voice of Martyrs in Korean: 1600-1730 NF 7515 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg, ex 7485 to avoid RL in Turkmen (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 5857.5, HLL2 Seoul, 1306-1314 and 1413-1417, April 2. Thanks to info in DXLD 12-05 and 13; heard in AM + USB (considerably stronger) + LSB (much weaker, but clearly heard); in English with weather information; first segment providing wind direction, wind speed in meters per second, air pressure in hectopascals and temperature in Celsius; second segment different format with weather forecasts; after about 1415 covered by strong adjacent QRM from sign on of Voice of Jinling (China) on 5860. MP3 audio at http://www.box.com/s/3dd53b611a62add03fcf
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. UKRAINE or KURDISTAN (non), take your pick, it's all good. 11530, Denge Mezopotamya (Mykolaiv) 1440-1500+ 20 March phone reports, news, occasional music breaks, fanfare & nice "Denge Mezopotamya" ID by W at :46, more Kurdish chat with another f/f across TOH. Usually fair-good reception from these folks most mornings at the beach (Dan Sheedy, CA, G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** KUWAIT [and non]. 21540, Saturday March 31 at 1401, R. Kuwait in well, but can`t hear any Spain underneath, tho it is fairly good on

21610. At 1440 still all I hear is Arabic, and 1445 into Qur`an. Long pauses still don`t reveal any Spanish; 1500* cut off abruptly still Qur`an in progress: Allah`ll get `em for that.

The REE schedule at
http://programasdx.com/principal_archivos/frecuenciasreea12.pdf
has the answer. It`s one of those anomalies, where on Sat & Sun they close 21540 at 1400*, an hour earlier than on M-F at 1500*. Of course, REE ought to move it somewhere else completely as long as Kuwait stix to 21540 instead of the frequency it promises to use, 21520. Usually big REE signal to NAm on 17595 also notable by its absence, now scheduled 13-15 M-F only.

15540, April 4 at 1759, 1805 no signal from R. Kuwait. Should have been audible if on since other ME signals were propagating, even Israel 15785; Greece good on 15630. Recheck 1950, and now 15540 is on with good signal, rap music straight thru hourtop 2000+; I preferred the music on 15630, or VOA Africa 15580 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. MW: Apologies, this is slightly old, but I can note that a colleague who visited Tripoli recently confirmed that 1053 and 1251 have separate programming.
1053 is "National Radio" ("Al-Idha'ah al-Wataniya") - also on 96.6 FM.
1251 is "Radio Libya" - also on 90.3 FM.
(Chris Greenway, UK, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 11600, Radio TÈlÈvision Libye - Radio Libye, 1700-1810*, tune-in to lite music. French talk. ID. Poor to fair. Weak modulation at times. Only dead air heard at times. Irregular. Last time I heard these guys was back on March 22, despite many checks. March 31. (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX Listening Digest)

11600, Radio TÈlÈvision Libye - Radio Libye, 1700-1805*, French talk. Lite instrumental music. French ballads. IDs. Fair. April 5 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** LUXEMBOURG. Re: Closures: Marnach 1440 kHz. Rumor mill is spinning:
http://radioforum.foren.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,850244,1002771#msg-1002771

Says that at present it is being discussed to close the transmitter already before 2014 because "the last remaining customer" has not prolonged the airtime contract and RTL is no longer willing to pay for the expensive transmitter alone. Adds that this is inofficial, no decision has been made yet and until then the transmitter operator will keep a low profile.

Well, in fact there is no "last" customer but still two ones (or is

KBS World gone from 1440?), not counting the small slots for paid religion in German introduced decades ago, but of course there is an obvious assumption to whom this hint, if correct, refers (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. Frequency change for AWR in Malagasy:
1430-1530 NF 6125 MDC 050 kW / 020 deg to MDC, ex 6155, re-ex 3125

A-12 schedule of Fiangonana Loterana in Malagasy:
1700-1725 NF 6155 MDC 050 kW / 020 deg to MDC, ex 1630-1655 on 3215
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

How many Lutherans are there in Madagascar? Who knows, but there are millions of potential Lutherans. Maybe that explains this broadcast (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM. As Dan Sheedy (Calif.) and Sei-ichi Hasegawa (Japan) had recently been observing, this was signing on about 1500 (formerly on 24 hours) and running either Traxx FM or Salam FM programming.

April 1, found them changed back to assume a 24 hours schedule; heard 1244 to 1311 with DJ playing pop songs; Traxx FM IDs; 1300-1309 news; adjacent QRM. Erratic scheduling!

7295, Traxx FM, 1218, April 2. YL DJ in English with pop songs. So are they really back to their former 24 hour schedule? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. (5995), 2135 22.03, R Mali, Bamako, Off the air after the military coup this morning (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde where the spring has appeared strongly during the past week, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

9635, RVTM, *0801-0835, sign on with flute IS. Vernacular talk at 0801:30. Lite piano music. Local African music. Fair signal strength but weak modulation. March 30.

5995, RTVM, 2300-0009*, local tribal music. Indigenous vocals. Talk in unidentified language. Abrupt sign off. Strong carrier, but weak modulation. April 4-5 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA: Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, April 1 at 0142, Arabish phone calls to YL host, typical IGIM overnight programming, but not on the air around 0500, 0555.

7245, April 2 at 0558, IGIM is on and chanting, very good signal this time.

7245, April 3 at 0021, presumed IGIM is on with music; will it be all-night this time, or just late with a break?

[and non]. 7245, tho this was still on at 0021 April 3, answering my previous question, no, it is not on at 0536 check, an hour when unpredictably it can be on the air too. Vatican in French on 7250 had no ACI.

7245, April 4 at 0550, IGIM is missing; came on later?

7245, April 5 at 0532, IGIM on with ululating music, string instrument, Arabish talkover. Fell asleep to this with my phones on, and roused exactly three hours later to hear it still incoming at 0832 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 670, April 4 at 1201, maÒanitas, birthday greetings to listeners, R. Ranchito ID, 7:01 TC, jingle, full ID as mil watts from TorreÛn, Coahuila, i.e. XETOR; IRCA Mexican Log and WRTH show 5000/250 watts, but Cant˙ has 1000/250. Hard to believe they would assert less power than reality (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 690, March 30 at 1204 UT, time check for 6:04 [CST], 19 grados en Monterrey, live announcer welcoming us to 30 de marzo, i.e. XERG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, March 30 at 0535 UT, preacher in Spanish from SW with Cuba nulled, with het which seems to come from the same station, then with PSA mentioning Chihuahua, so XEDP Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc may have gone off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 720, March 30 at 1201 UT, choral NA, mixing with presumed KSAH, ID mentions their time & temp format, Coahuila, and ``La Kaliente`` [sic], i.e. XEDE Saltillo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 750, March 31 at 1215 UT, steady m˙sica rom·ntica from WSW/ENE, alone on frequency and no signal from KMMJ Nebraska even when nulled. 1217 ID as ``Stereo Vida, sÛlo para ella``, and the next song also sung by a YL --- so maybe the format is really only for lesbians? Fading by 1221. Cant˙ shows the only Stereo Vida on 750 is:
750 XECSI Stereo Vida + FM 89.5 Culiac·n, Sin. 5,000 250
WRTH and IRCA agree, except with day power of 1,000 W (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 760, March 30 at 1200 UT, ID with FM station, mentions Sonora in QRM, but there are two in that state, XEEB Ciudad ObregÛn, and XENY Nogales, the latter heard before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 880, March 30 at 1210 UT, 6:10 timecheck, Tiempo del Centro de MÈxico, during break in newscast from Grupo FÛrmula, ad for Partido Verde, FÛrmula 970 program promo; in KRVN null. The 880 FÛrmula affiliate is XEV, Chihuahua2 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 880, April 4 at 1210, several local news items about GÛmez Palacio, such as closing public telephones. G.P. is the Durango city adjacent to TorreÛn, Coahuila, really the same metro area, so this has to be, per Cant˙:
880 XETC Kiuu + FM 91.1 TorreÛn, Coah. 10,000 1,000
Kiuu? What a strange name; derivation??
While IRCA has it as XETC, slogan: 880 AM, 10,000/100, 24 hours and WRTH has XETC, 880 AM/EstÈreo Mayran, 10000/1000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 970, April 4 at 1213 UT, choral NA is playing at odd time, as I try to minimize splatter from local KGWA 960. 1214 a quick sign-on I could not copy, right into music, 1219 seguÈ balada/rom·ntica. IRCA shows schedule times for each station, but nothing starting at 1215 or any other quarter-hour. Maybe the morning person was late (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1000, March 30 at 1215 UT, crime news of northern Chihuahua state and also Durango, dominant here so weakened KTOK OKC can only be heard in its null, i.e. XEFV Ciudad Ju·rez. I`ve never heard the other Chihuahuan, XEHPC, R. Mil in Hidalgo del Parral (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6010, R Mil, MÈxico City, 1015, Mar 30, noted with strong signal (Bob Wilkner, FL, DSWCI DX Window April 4 via DXLD)

First report of this in quite a while. Not heard here and Juli·n Santiago had confirmed it was off the air. Beware of HJDH Colombia near same frequency (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. Comments on my March TV DX logs: (gh)

La estaciÛn de TV en canal 4 en MÈrida, Yucat·n, es XHMEN repetidora de XHGC Televisa Canal 5. El canal 2 XHY a veces transmite en paralelo en ciertos horarios la programacion de GalavisiÛn. Atte: (Ing. Civ. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., April 2, Yucat·n, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.44, Pohnpei, The Cross Radio, 0913 to 0955 noted

with better audio on 23 March, Noted most morning same time in South Florida (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key) (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7; XM - Cedar Key - South Florida NRD 525D - R8A - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

4755.42, presumed V6MP, The Cross, Pohnpei 1016-1028* March 26 English; Lengthy talk by animated M announcer; English noted but too weak to detail; music bridge at 1024 followed by different announcer; music bridge at 1028 & pulled the plug; poor & weak (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H., NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.4, The Cross, 1233, Apr 2, English, a couple of motivational messages and songs until suddenly off at 1240 at the end of a song, running late this morning for some reason. Poor (Harold Sellers-BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.4, The Cross, seeming to run late again today. Noted here in several checks up to at least 1208. Not getting very good audio here this morning though, mostly due to QRN. 5 April 2012 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.5v, PMA-The Cross Radio, 1213-1238, April 5. Running later than normal; contemporary Christian songs; spot with ìJames Dobson Family Minuteî; spot with ìRadioBible.orgî; 1235 ìThe Cross Radio is a ministry of Pacific Mission Fellowship. We hope that you have enjoyed our programs todayî; QRN; higher in frequency than in the past. MP3: http://www.box.com/s/ed78a5d163d8eb814d9a
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 12085, QSL: Voice of Mongolia verified an electronic report with an electronic reply in 10 days from Enkhmaa Zorigt, Mail Editor at Voice of Mongolia. The old e-address of <densmaa9 @ yahoo.com> seems to have been replaced by <vom_en @ yahoo.com> Former Mail Editor Bolorchimeg Enkhbaatar seems to be no longer in this position (Rich D'Angelo, PA, DXplorer April 1 via BCDX April 4 via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. 15341.2, March 30 at 1252, a big het between IMM and HCJB Australia on 15340.0. Matching pitch on my keyboard it`s again D above hi C, 587.33 Hz, where I am hearing a beat, but I may be missing it by an octave, as the keyboard doesn`t go that much higher, i.e. 1174.66 Hz for D6 in this table http://www.phy.mtu.edu/~suits/notefreqs.html which is based on an even-tempered scale with A = exactly 440. My keyboard also may not be calibrated exactly to this. I need to compare its A to WWV`s, whenever they intone it.

On 15340 itself I could also barely hear a much closer subaudible beat indicating a second station there, but nothing else scheduled. Aoki says HCJB Burmese during this semihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. After several days starting A-12 on 15341+ or 15345+, IMM is back to 15349.1+, as in most of B-11, resuming hetting any station unfortunate enough to have chosen 15350. March 31 at 1239 the old high-A-note het again, i.e. 880 Hz vs 15350 = 15349.12 or so. IMM is stronger here with some Arabaudio. Strangely, no signal (yet) from HCJB Australia on 15340 which had been hit by its het. But at 1316 it`s in with a good and het-free signal with S Asian music.

Morocco is still on 15349.12 with a 15350.0 het at 1435. The 15350 victim is Gospel for Asia = Athmeeya Yatra Radio in a multitude of S Asian languages from 1230 to 1500, 250 kW due east from Wertachtal, GERMANY. For details see Aoki which now has A-12 up in plain text, and updated daily:
http://www1.m2.mediacat.ne.jp/binews/bia12.txt
If IMM now stays on 15349.12 during its entire 08-21 UT span, the other victims will be:
CRI English via EAST TURKISTAN until 1057;
VOA Burmese via PHILIPPINES at 1130-1230
R. Veritas Asia Filipino via VATICAN at 1500-1553
HFCC also has a wooden entry for RSO Oman at 18-20

Not checked again until 1938 when IMM is still on 15349+ (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More & more frequency changes of RTV Marocaine in Arabic to NEAf
0900-1500 NF 15349.2v*NAD 250 kW / 110 deg, ex 15341.2v, March 31 & April 1/2
1500-2100 NF 15349.2v#NAD 250 kW / 110 deg, ex 15345.2v, March 31 & April 1/2
* 0900-1100 bad QRM from CRI in English on nominal 15350.0
* 1130-1230 bad QRM from VOA in Burmese on nominal 15350.0
* 1230-1500 bad QRM from GFA in various on nominal 15350.0
# 1500-1600 bad QRM from RVA in Tagalog on nominal 15350.0
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD) Like I outpointed above (gh, DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 7110. Noted March 29 with English segment from theme music at 1430 thru to 1500*. Best reception so far. Very clear ID, except there seems to be a word before "Radio" that I cannot make out. "Pyin Oo Lwin" sounds fairly clear and am almost positive about that. audio:
http://www.box.com/s/bb5784e5f95433e97593

"Good evening dear listeners. You are tuned to the ____ Radio Pyin Oo Lwin and thank you very much. We are broadcasting the third English

transmission on the air again. Radiating on 639 kilohertz and 7511 megahertz." (fairly clear: "7511")

Easy listening music. "Good evening our dear listeners. May I present for you some sweet melodies of life."

Also 1442 to 1448 nice segment about Myanmar culture and history. Today with information about Myanmar lacquerware. White noise jamming after 1434, but not as strong as yesterday.

So the most likely scenario here is that this programming is produced in a studio in Pyin Oo Lwin, in central Myanmar, and then transmitted from Nay Pyi Taw (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Suggestions are that there is no "the", but instead "You are tuned to Thazin Radio Pyin Oo Lwin". Also it must be "7 point 11". Thanks to Mauno Ritola (Finland) and Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) for their kind assistance (Ron Howard, ibid.)

I'd never have a hope of hearing them during the 1430-1500 slot, even in the dead of winter. That's between 9:30 and 10AM EST [sic]. Are they also not on earlier? Do I remember an 1100z logging? (Chuck Rippel [somewhere in eastern NAm], Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Note in Gupta's information he has it as "Phin Oo Lwin", but seems "Pyin Oo Lwin" is correct. The web has many listings for such. http://www.most.gov.mm/gti/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18&Itemid=30 (Ron Howard, San Francisco, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Exactly as your second update - it`s ``Thazin radio and 7 point 11 megahertz. Good evening dear listeners. You are tuned to Thazin Radio, Pyin Oo Lwin and thank you very much. We are broadcasting the third English transmission on the air again. Radiating on 639 kilohertz and 7 point 11 megahertz.`` music -

After music the next part sounds like "Good evening our dear listeners, now we present some sweet melodies tonight" -- Thanks & Regards, (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, Dist. Darjeeling, West Bengal, INDIA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you Partha for your assistance. Believe you have it exactly as it was said. Very nice to finally tie this one down with a positive identification. Thanks again! (Ron Howard, ibid.)

7110, Thazin Radio, 1428-1501*, March 30. Seemed to be an ID in vernacular with list of frequencies (3 or 4 mentions of ìkilohertzî); into usual intro to the English segment; pop songs (Michael Jackson,

etc.). MP3 audio of vernacular and English IDs
http://www.box.com/s/af4e48ae76ee682b3272
Reception not as good as yesterday.

Broke away for a while to check the other Myanmar stations:

5770: Myanmar Defense Forces Br. St. was bothered by OTH radar; playing pop songs.

5915: Myanmar R. seemed to be giving a distance learning service lecture in vernacular underneath strong CRI; very poor.

5985.83: Myanmar R. via Yangon, almost fair with indigenous music. Later they would undoubtedly switch transmitter sites over to the transmitter on 5985.00 at Nay Pyi Taw (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7110, Thazin Radio, 1427-1432 Mar 30, switching from Burmese to English at 1431, poor reception due to another unidentified station on the frequency, trading places with Thazin frequently as one faded down, the other up, definitely a woman opening the program in English, but couldnít catch an ID, 1432 Michael Jackson song. Fair to poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I had completely forgotten about the item below from DXLD 3-225, December 14, 2003. Maymo is of course the old name for Pyin U Lwin.

A recent New Light of Myanmar article also hints that the FM Radio Channel of Thazin Radio (is that the same stream as MW/SW?) is linked with the military's Myawaddy TV service:
http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs13/NLM2012-03-27.pdf - page 9.
Best regards (Alan Davies, March 30, 2012, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

MYANMAR. An article by Win Kyaw Oo in the Myanmar Times no 104, 25 Feb - 4 Mar 2002, explains why the Myawaddy radio station has been silent on 5973 kHz since 1999. It was also listed on 1440 kHz. It's not clear to me whether the Thazin Radio mentioned is the same as the Defence Forces Broadcasting Station on 6570 kHz, whose listed location is Taunggyi, not Maymo. The following excerpts with my comments are taken from http://www.myanmar.gov.mm/myanmartimes/no104/New/4.htm

Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo, from the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare at the Ministry of Defence which operates the channel [...] said Myawaddy television needed to cut operating costs because it relied on its own income, generated mainly by advertising revenue. [...] Myawaddy was officially launched in early 1995 and

operates from a broadcast centre [at Hmawbi] about 22 miles north of central Yangon. Myawaddyís broadcasting operation also includes two radio stations. They include Thazin Radio, which operates from studios at Maymo [east of Mandalay], more than 400 miles north of Yangon. It broadcasts programs in nine national languages. Each is broadcast for a total of seven hours a day. Its other service, Myawaddy Radio, based at the television centre, is expected to resume operations later this year following repairs after being hit by lightning in 1999 (Regards from Surabaya, Alan Davies, Dec 13, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)(via Davies, dxldyg via DXLD)

And bingo! In Jan/Feb 2012 Google Earth imagery about 8 km east of Pyin U Lwin town centre:

MW mast at 22 00 59N, 96 32 53E
Two SW antennas at 22 01 04N, 96 33 01E, 22 00 49N, 96 32 58E

In historical imagery, the site is non-existent in Feb 2009 and in various stages of under construction from Dec 2009 until Oct 2011 (Alan Davies, March 30, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Many thanks, Alan Davies!! We were looking for this antenna site in Wikimapia for last one month! You made our day! Google Earth stole the show! There was suggestion to direction find this site from India. But that was technically not feasible on our part at the moment. You have settled the issue. Kind regards, 73s (Sudipta Ghose/ VU3TKG, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GREAT WORK!!!! My wild guess, there are structural preparations on the northerly corner antenna field, to erect soon also a 60 mb dipole antenna too at

BRM_60mb_planned_Pyin Oo Lwin, Pyin U Lwin, Thazin Radio, Myawaddy R, 80m distance dipole, 017/197deg direction from center antenna mast
at 22 01'03.89"N 96 33'01.75"E
to pole point at 22 01'03.07"N 96 33'04.54"E
towards far northern tip in Kachin state (17 deg), south Irawadi-Rangoon (197 deg)

49 / 41 mb dipole antenna, RIZ sender?
BRM_6030_7110_7345 Pyin Oo Lwin, Pyin U Lwin, Thazin Radio, Myawaddy R, 58m distance dipole, 356/176deg direction
22 01'03.76"N 96 32'59.70"E to 22 01'03.89"N 96 33'01.75"E
towards up to southerly Tanintharyi province near Phuket(176deg)
northerly Nawng Seng - Kachin state (356deg),
+ Tezu at Arunachal Pradesh India

31 mb dipole antenna, RIZ senders?
BRM_9460_9590 Pyin Oo Lwin, Pyin U Lwin, Thazin Radio, Myawaddy R
42m distance dipole, 52/232deg direction
22 00'49.36"N 96 32'57.78"E to 22 00'48.26"N 96 32'58.69"E
towards northeast Yunnan (52deg), southwest Rakhine, Ceylon (232deg)

BRM_MW 639 Nautel 200kW Pyin Oo Lwin, Pyin U Lwin, Thazin Radio,
Myawaddy R
22 00'59.20"N 96 32'52.87"E

73 wolfy df5sx (Wolfgang B˛schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[BCDX VERSION]:

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BRM 60mb planned Pyin Oo Lwin,
Thazin Radio, Myawaddy Radio, 80m distance poles, 017/197deg direction
from center antenna mast
at 22 01 03.89 N 96 33 01.75 E
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Rangoon(197deg):

49 / 41 mb log-periodic antenna, RIZ Zagreb sender?
BRM 6030 7110 7345 kHz. Pyin Oo Lwin, Thazin Radio,
Myawaddy Radio, 58m distance dipole, 356/176deg direction
22 01 03.76 N 96 32 59.70 E to 22 01 03.89 N 96 33 01.75 E

<http://g.co/maps/gf89v>
towards up to southerly Tanintharyi province near Phuket(176deg)
northerly Nawng Seng - Kachin state (356deg),
+ Tezu at across Arunachal Pradesh India.

31 mb dipole antenna, RIZ Zagreb senders?
BRM 9460 9590 kHz. Pyin Oo Lwin,
Thazin Radio, Myawaddy Radio
42m distance poles, 52/232deg direction
22 00 49.36 N 96 32 57.78 E to 22 00 48.26 N 96 32 58.69 E

<http://g.co/maps/c6yw6>
towards northeast Yunnan (52deg), southwest Rakhine, Ceylon (232deg)

BRM MW 639 kHz Nautel 200kW. Pyin Oo Lwin,
Thazin Radio, Myawaddy Radio
22 00 59.20 N 96 32 52.87 E

c.f. frequency and time schedule in bc-dx topnews #1059.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 31 via DXLD)

Yes, great work! With no feed delay between 639 and 7110 kHz, they had to be from the same site. And as many of us suspected, army is involved and so Myanma Radio doesn't know much about these stations. So Thazin Radio case is more or less clear. Sounds like it is different from Thazin FM, at least they don't announce FM frequency. But what about Kachin Radio reported by Mr. Gupta? Does it exist or was it just mishearing or typo for Thazin Radio? And then there is Rakhine Radio, which shares the shortwave transmitters at Pyin Oo Lwin with Thazin Radio. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps we should understand "Thazin Radio" to be the name of the whole outfit, Thazin being the name of some kind of orchid, while the segments in individual languages are not so much "Rakhine Radio" etc as (Thazin Radio's) Broadcast in Rakhine?

The more northerly of the two SW antennas is the clearer one in Google Earth, and on close viewing it's evidently a rather large and complex log-periodic design. I wonder who the manufacturer was? Best regards (Alan Davies, March 31, ibid.)

EXCELLENT WORK ALAN.Your investigative skills, motivation & persistence are exemplary. Thanks so much to you & to many others in getting to this point with our knowledge of the station. (Ian Baxter, NSW, ibid.)

7110, Thazin Radio, 1430-1501*, March 31. The first day with no white noise jamming, which was a big help for better reception! Usual intro; EZL pop songs ("You're The One I Love", etc.); 1443: ìHello and welcome to Myanmar Traditional Öî cultural show; ìThrough this program you will be able to find out more about Myanmar and its peopleî; ìToday I would like to tell you about Myanmar music, the heart and soul of Myanmar peopleî; talking about Myanmar musical instruments (unique set of 21 drums in a circle: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8clE4rVlTPA); 1449 back to pop songs (Rod Stewart, etc.).

It is indeed very good news from Alan Davies that there are in fact SW facilities at Pyin U Lwin! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Alan's enquiry & my previous antenna comments.

> > The more northerly of the two SW antennas is the clearer one in

Google Earth, and on close viewing it's evidently a rather large and complex log-periodic design.

> Yes! And there are hints to me from GE image that the other SW antenna would/could be another of the same type. Such is the nature of the angle of Satellite imagery, resolution & sunlight that we don't often get to see the wires of SW antennas, just the masts & shadows, very often.

I retract my comments regarding the more southerly SW antenna. This antenna appears to be of a kind seen here: I think it might be an antenna of this type: TCI 615. What do you guys think?
It's is an appropriate antenna for the intended target

REF:
http://www.tcibr.com/ufiles/Library/615webp.pdf

Re this antenna:
22¬ 0'48.69"N
96¬ 32'58.18"E

Question I have is: Are there any other global HF antenna manufacturers (other than TCI), producing an antenna of this design? And yes, the Chinese love to copy everything, so it could be a Chinese copy. At least TCI would be able to say if they sold this antenna to Myanmar or the http://www.btl.com.hk group. Regards (Ian Baxter, NSW, ibid.)

There is a Chinese company in Hong Kong which was credited with the Myanmar SW update. I think these are Chinese made transmitters and antennas, yes could well be copycat!! (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Broadcast technology Ltd of Hong Kong is consistently engaged by the various Myanmar authorities in transmitters and antennae installation projects during past 2-3 years. 73s (SG/VU3TKG Sudipta Ghose, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Sudipta, I too, also strongly suspect this group is behind the installation work. They are also probably sworn to certain levels of secrecy by the Myanmar government, so I don't expect have them confirm in writing or email if they are involved.

Though having said that, they might release some vague photos/info on their NEWS page at a later date, that doesn't give much away (maybe?).... Their NEWS page on their website hasn't (seemingly) been updated in past year or so(from memory). Regards (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

Just came across Myanmar on 7200.3 with a different program to that on 7110. I realise that today is election day there so it may be related to that but it is obvious as it has the same sort of music. However it isn't as strong.

7200.3, 1203 Myanmar (presumed) Music then followed by w/a [??]. Similar format to that on 7110 but not //. Also not as strong as latter. 1216 UT April 1.

Myanmar is very weak on 5986, practically inaudible which is different to usual. Also 7200.3 seems to be fading down. Lot of quick fading on 7110 but OK on USB.

Receiver Icom R70 to wire slung along curtain rail (Robin L. Harwood, VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, 1237 UT April 1, ibid.)

7110, Thazin Radio, 1430-1501*, April 1. Another day without white noise jamming; usual recorded ID: ìGood evening dear listeners. You are tuned to Thazin Radio, Pyin U Lwin and thank you very much. We are broadcasting the third English transmission on the air again. Radiating on 639 kilohertz and 7 point 11 megahertzî; pop songs (ìKiss From a Roseî by Seal, etc.); talk about the Five Precepts of Buddhism in Myanmar; more pop songs (ìAgainst All Oddsî, but not by Phil Collins, etc.); sign off announcement; ì. . . You can listen to our first morning English program which will be transmitted and radiated on 639 kilohertz and 6 (assume ìpoint 03î) megahertzî; off with indigenous music.

MP3 audio of IDs at http://www.box.com/s/6e51a52bddd844dadfab

7200.1, Myanmar Radio. As Robin Harwood (Tasmania) also observed, they reactivated this frequency for their April 1 evening broadcast, perhaps due to the national elections held today. From 1311 to 1324 in vernacular and playing music; probably off at 1330, as not on at 1341; poor with QRM from 7205 and hams.

7110, Thazin Radio, 1430, April 2. Started the normal recorded intro, but at 1431 (just as the 7.11 frequency was given) the strong jamming (white noise) started. This jamming was NOT on during the weekend; not heard March 31 and April 1. The jamming does effectively block Myanmar, so clearly the weekend is the best time.

7200.1, Myanmar Radio. Yes, their sign off is 1330, as noted April 2. Perhaps they have started a new schedule here? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MYANMAR SKED - MONITORED OFF THE AIR

5770 Taunggyi 0030-0430
0630-0930 very poor here, mostly only carrier detectable
1130-1530 (THA)

2330-0230 fade out,{-0430/0530, getting poorer as the day proceeds, THA}
0830-1500 5915, \\ 594, 711 kHz, (1430 s.off) Nay Pyi Taw
576 Rangoon
2330-0230 6030, 639 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin (En 0130-0200) (THA)

0130-0330 9590 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin
0430-0830 9590 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin

0430-0700 9460 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin (En 0630-0700) (THA)

0230-0530 7200 kHz Rangoon (THA)
0730-1000 7200 kHz Rangoon
1100-1330 7200 kHz Rangoon (THA)
2330-0200 7200 kHz Rangoon (THA)

2330-0130 5985 kHz Rangoon
0130-1000 9730.835 (En 0230-0330, 0700-0730) Rangoon

0930-1630 5985.852 (En 1530-1630) Rangoon

2330-0130 1030-1500 7110 \\ 639 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin (En 1430-1500) (THA)
1030-1330 7345 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin

Are these MW & SW stations in Rangoon, Nay Pyi Taw, Pyin Oo Lwin

576 kHz Rangoon 16 52 06.11 N 96 09 34.12 E older
594 kHz Nay Pyi Taw 20 10 55.80 N 96 08 26.61 E Dec 2007
639 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 00 59.20 N 96 32 52.87 E Jan 2012
711 kHz Nay Pyi Taw 20 14 15.98 N 96 08 02.49 E Mar 2008 x693kHz
729 kHz Rangoon 16 51 50.83 N 96 09 50.58 E Dec 2009

5040 kHz Rangoon 16 52 00.22 N 96 09 51.98 E out of service
and probably planned also at Pyin Oo Lwin 22 01 03.07 N 96 33 04.54 E

5915 kHz Nay Pyi Taw 20 10 51.01 N 96 08 41.04 E Mar 2008
5985 kHz Rangoon{odd frequ 5985.852} 16 52 00.09 N 96 09 47.62 E
even RIZ tx Mar 2008
6030 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 01 03.76 N 96 32 59.70 E Jan 2012
7110 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 01 03.76 N 96 32 59.70 E Jan 2012
7200 kHz Rangoon 16 52 03.94 N 96 09 38.75 E and
16 52 03.90 N 96 09 42.42 E Jan 2012
even RIZ tx Mar 2008

7345 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 01 03.76 N 96 32 59.70 E Jan 2012
9460 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 00 49.36 N 96 32 57.78 E Jan 2012
9590 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 00 49.36 N 96 32 57.78 E Jan 2012
9730 kHz Rangoon{odd frequ 9730.835} 16 51 57.33 N 96 09 42.54 E
even RIZ tx Mar 2008
(Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka 4S7VK, and logs/comments by Gerhard Werdin-on tour in Thailand - marked THA, and wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 28 / Mar 10 / Apr 1 / April 3-4 via DXLD)

Finally managed to record a full English ID at 1430 UT on 7110 on Apr 1, confirms it's Thazin Radio, thus the reported Kachin Radio was a listening error and can be forgotten about. As for the other one, Rakhine Radio, it's still open whether it's this one or yet another listening error.

After two more days of monitoring primarily the "new" frequencies, this is the actual schedule as per Apr 3. I left out locations since the discussion on this seems not yet settled, also the languages other than English and Burmese in my opinion still lack confirmation.

5770 Defence Forces Bc; 0030-0430, 0630-0930 vry poor here, mostly only carrier detectable, 1130-1530 UT.
5915 Myanma R; 2330-0430/0530, getting poorer as the day proceeds, and 0830-1430 UT.
5985/6 Myanma R; 2300-0130; 0930-1445+, English pres. at 1530-1630 UT.
6030 Thazin R; 2330-0130 Burmese, 0130-0200 English.
7110 Rakhine R pres.; 2330-0130 UT.
7110 Thazin R; 1030-1430, 1430-1500 English.
7200 Myanma R, when first detected on March 6 and later it was 0230/0300-0530, 0730-1000; on April 2 & 3 2330-0200, no transmission 0730-1000 both days and again 1100-1330 UT.
7345 Rakhine R pres.; 1030-1330 UT.
9460 Thazin R ; 0430-0630, 0630-0700 English.
9590 Myanma R pres.; 0130-0330, 0430-0830 UT.
9730 Myanma R; 0130-1000 with English segments 0230-0330 and 0700-0730 UT (Gerhard Werdin, Pattaya-THA, Sony ICF-7600GR and telescopic ant, Apr 3, BC-DX via DXLD)

Actually I'm not convinced that an exact HF frequency necessarily means Nay Pyi Taw rather than Yangon. I believe there's at least one modern HF transmitter in Yangon installed a few years ago, probably the same RIZ type as the one on 5915 kHz in Nay Pyi Taw.

In Yangon the three active HF transmitters (the RIZ plus two ancient off-frequency units) seem to be swapped around without much discernible pattern, so a Yangon frequency may be off channel on one occasion if covered by one of the old transmitters, and on another occasion exactly on channel if covered by the RIZ.

5915 kHz is the only Myanmar Radio HF channel that seems to come from Nay Pyi Taw - unless something else has changed recently. All the other Myanmar Radio HF frequencies, whether on-channel or offset, have always had audio in sync with the known Yangon mediumwave or FM channels and with a noticeable delay compared with the Nay Pyi Taw mediumwave channels.

[later] ... Note from the <http://www.btl.com.hk/news.htm> page

"MRTV-Relocation Project of TV & Radio studio (Phase 2) and 2 SW antennas installation in Yangon and new capital (Nay Pui Daw)has been successfully completed on March 08"

So a new, additional SW antenna was installed in Yangon just a few years ago, and at the same time just one antenna was installed at Nay Pyi Taw - agreeing with satellite imagery.

See below my current version of Myanmar Radio schedule, not including Thazin/Rakhine/Kachin Radio or whatever from Pyin Oo Lwin. Some details may be out of date, especially operating hours for Yangon SW frequencies.

National Service in Burmese and English
studios: Nay Pyi Taw 0030-0730, 0930-1630
transmitters: Nay Pyi Taw 594 kHz 200 kW throughout, Nay Pyi Taw FM (freq unknown) throughout, Yangon 576 kHz 200 kW throughout with audio delay, Yangon 5986v 0930-1630 with audio delay, Yangon 9731v 0230-0730 with audio delay, Yangon FM 98.0 MHz throughout with audio delay

Padauk Myay Service
studios: Nay Pyi Taw 2300-0130, 0730-1000, 1130-1530
transmitters: Nay Pyi Taw 711 kHz 400 kW throughout, Nay Pyi Taw FM (freq unknown) throughout, Yangon 576 kHz 200 kW 2300-0010v with audio delay, Yangon 5985v 2300-0130 with audio delay, Yangon 9730v 0730-1000v with audio delay, Yangon FM 100.0 MHz throughout with audio delay

Minorities Service in Kachin, Shan, Phalan Chin, Mindat Chin, Rakhine, Wa and Kokang
studios: Nay Pyi Taw 2330-0730, 0930-1330
transmitter: Nay Pyi Taw 5915 kHz throughout

Minorities Service in Sakaw Kayin, Po Kayin, Mon, Kayah, Gekho, Gebo
studios: Yangon 2330-0530, 0730-1330
transmitter: Yangon 729 kHz 100 kW throughout, Yangon 7200v 1010v-1330 with no audio delay

Distance Learning Service in Burmese and English
studios: ?location 1330-1500
transmitters: Yangon 729 kHz 100 kW, Nay Pyi Taw 5915 kHz (need to check the audio delay for this service)
(Alan Davies, Indonesia, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 1 via DXLD)

7110 / 7345: Thazin Radio, 7110, YL in Asian language playing continuous stream of pop music from 1155 UT, many mentions of Myanmar, played snippet from "Seal it with a Kiss." OM joined with apparent news at 1205 UT, still decent at 1235 w/YL, also noted station on 7345 kHz with stronger signals, same style of music from 1210 through 1300 UT (Mike Nikolich, Lake Barrington IL, DXplorer March 31 via BCDX via DXLD)

We owe a debt of gratitude to DXers Ghosh and Gupta for their diligent work. But have we really the answer to the Myanmar mysteries? I strongly suspect not.

I think we are like the proverbial blind wise men, each discovering and touching a different part of a - to them - new and different animal, an elephant. One touches the trunk and says the elephant is like a tree. Another touches the tail and says the animal is like a rope. We see pieces and generalize about the whole, without seeing the big picture.

More specifically to this case, are any of these entities, Rakhine Radio, Thazin Radio, Kachin Radio, more than program services of the same governmental entity. I think we still have little idea of what the real story is (Don Jensen WI, DXplorer March 28, ibid.)

later [...] One problem with the Myanmar situation is, oddly enough, Google. Burmese is one of a group of lesser languages that Google cannot translate. There seems to be a fair amount of information at various Myanmar sites - including the Ministry of Information - that appears only in Burmese. More research avenues could open if this language gap could be closed.

What does seem without doubt is that Myanmar is, indeed, a monolithic entity. We see various things at work in the area of broadcasting. - the Ministry of Information, the Army, the "private" (for profit) FM outlets, political youth organizations, educational organizations. But it seems that all are parts of one big whole.

Private stations are granted licenses, and then corrupt military generals are given first opportunity (only opportunity?) to invest in these "private" money-making ventures.

What is puzzling to me, though, is that there is, in the wider world,

a general movement TO FM (particular in the less developed parts where widely and readily accessible Internet connection exists). But in Myanmar, there seems to be at least partially a counter-move back to SW.

Yes, in Myanmar in the past five years or so, there has been a movement to local FM ... ostensibly "private," but only in the sense that the corrupt military can enrich itself that way ... This is noted, on various Google sites, from the En language - from Myanmar Times to exile groups to independent communications sites.

But now quite recently, we seem to see a counter trend at work also in Myanmar. While moving toward FM, increasingly, there is also a move back to SW, particularly popular entertainment programming relayed back from FM outlets.

7110's strong signals seem to suggest more than a spurt of good propagation. It looks like new, or at least greatly refurbished SW transmitters. The government, in one form or another, seems to be spending real money to improve its SW capabilities, at a time when most other countries are going in the opposite direction. WHY?

That is the real mystery with Myanmar broadcasting these days.

One exile group at least suggests, indirectly, that Myanmar, unlike China, unlike North Korea, doesn't feel that jamming is the answer to anti-junta SW broadcasts (or as what is perceived as anti-junta). Instead, rather than jamming, and making the VOA, BBC, exile broadcasts "forbidden fruit," and therefore attractive to listeners, Myanmar takes a different approach. They offer competing programming of a popular nature (sometimes relayed from local FMers) as a more attractive listening target than "boring" BBC/VOA/exile news and commentary, especially for younger listeners. That theory may be accurate, or not. But it is out there.

One inescapable conclusion, though, is that very recently, Myanmar has upgraded both its popular programming, e.g., contemporary and 'hit" music, on SW with markedly improved signals. We just don't yet fully understand why (Don Jensen, WI, DXplorer March 28 via BC-DX via DXLD)

I made further monitoring of Myanmar in mid March from Hua Hin and Kanchanaburi on the River Kwai, and in Pattaya, Thailand, on Apr 01 and 02 with a Sony ICF-7600GR and a telescopic antenna:

5770, Defence Forces Bc; 0030-0430, 0630-0930 very poor here, mostly only carrier detectable, 1130-1430+, thus s/off probably at 1530*

5915, Myanma R; 2330-0430/0530, getting poorer as the day proceeds,

0830-1430

5985/6, Myanma R; 2330-0130 and 0930-1445+, English presumed at 1530-1630

6030, Thazin R; 2330-0130 Burmese, 0130-0200 English; on Apr 02 also 0200-0230 Burmese (due to election ? Ed)

7110, Myanma R, Rakhine presumed; 2330-0130

7110, Thazin R, 1030-1430, 1430-1500 English with an audioclip with a clear English ID, 1min 50sec after start of record, can be listened to with Windows Media Player: 38_Myanmar7110_120401-1429

7200, Myanma R, 0230/0300-0530, 0730-1000 on Mar 06. But on Apr 01 I came across this unexpectedly at 0145-0330 approx., but off 0430; on Apr 02 s/on *2330 ñ 0200* s/off, no transmission 0730-1000 both days and s/on again *1100-1330* s/off .

7345, Myanma R, Rakhine presumed; 1030-1330

9460, Thazin R, 0430-0630, 0630-0700 English

9590, Myanma R presumed; 0130-0330, 0430-0830

9730, Myanma R; 0130-1000 with English segments 0230-0330, 0700-0730

MW outlets difficult to catch since most channels blocked by Thai stations, would need better directional antenna, only once on March 17 around 1130 UTC (local sunset) I heard Burmese language on 594 // 5985, 639 // 7110 and 711 MW.

9460 (not 9400), Thazin R, monitored 0430-0630 in Bamar (= Burmese) and new 0630-0700 in English on Mar 30.

There was an English ID at 0630 and they continued with English language pops, no news or any other word program. At 0642 a woman said: "Dear Listener, welcome to our program Message To The Children", followed by a children's choir singing "Happy Birthday to you" and another children's song, then continued with western pop to 0659 with close down ann in English. Now I ask you, who is the target audience for a Children's programme in English from a regional station in Myanmar? (Gerhard Werdin, Remagen, Germany, visiting Thailand, DSWCI DX Window April 4 via DXLD)

7110, Thazin Radio, 1408-1430* heard poor/fair most mornings with seguÈd Burmese pop/ballads and some Western-style hip-hop/reggae, W DJ starts close-down yak at :28 with music bed, then longer chat

mentioning FM, MHz. Closes with drum/percussion/flute instrumental (Dan Sheedy, CA, G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD) No dates given, but other logs in same report ranged from 8 to 21 March altho not forwarded by Wilkner until 30 March (gh, DXLD)

Re: ``7200.06v, Myanma Radio. 1212-1330*, April 1, *2011* In vernacular with EZL ballads/songs. The last time heard here during this time period was back in late June 2010; poor to fair with ham QRM (one of them mentioned a foreign radio station on frequency and he thought it was Japan). Am pleased to hear this again, as it is by far the strongest Myanmar station that I can hear (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes I was also extremely surprised to hear this Ron, but did you hear the spur on 7186? It was well down in modulation yet clearly was the same program. It was on 7200 with me and no offset. The language at times sounded like French. There was a talk or newscast at 1140 and it was the best I have ever heard although clearer on AM and not SSB. Pronounced QSB on signal as well (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, April 2, *2011*, ibid.)``

April 5, 2012 noted Myanmar Radio on 7200.1 with the same spur again that Robin Harwood (Tasmania) and I both heard in 2011. Noted clearly // on 7185.86 at 1243, but much weaker than 7200.1. Noted another 1330 sign off today (Ron Howard, Monterey, Cailf., ibid.)

Myanmar Radio and Myawaddy/Thazin Radio of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare at the Ministry of Defence checked on April 5th at 2330-2400 UT.

All programs logged and noted so far, EXCEPT Thazin Radio 6030 kHz from Pyin Oo Lwin site, which was totally covered by US propaganda Radio MartÌ program in Spanish and noise of co-channel Cuban jamming.

5915.0, Nice indigenous music from Nay Pyi Taw site, S=7-8 signal level, but hit heavily by CRI English service from Kashi-Kashgar site in Western China. 2340 UT April 5th.

5985.0, Talk in Burmese/vernaculars, poor S=5 signal from Rangoon site, 2350 UT April 5th.

7109.997, Best signal from Pyin Oo Lwin Myanmar of all this morning. S=8+, light Burmese songs/music style. 2345 UT April 5th.

7200.088, Poorest signal from Myanmar of all. S=4-5 signal from Rangoon site, just above threshold, talk program. 2355 UT April 5th. (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi Wolfy, Interesting observations for a time period I am unable to hear Myanmar here in Calif. One comment: Believe 5985.0 is thought to be via the Nay Pyi Taw site, whereas the off frequency transmitter (5985.83) is via the Rangoon/Yangon site (Ron Howard, ibid.)

Does this sum it all up? --- (gh)

A new regional radio station, Thazin Radio has started operation in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay according to the following schedule: 2330-0130 Burmese & 0130-0200 English on 639 & 6030 kHz,
0430-0630 English on 639 & 9460 kHz and
1030-1430 Burmese & 1430-1500 English on 639 & 7110 kHz.

Transmissions in other major ethnic languages:
2330-0130 on 7110 kHz,
0130-0330 on 9590 kHz,
0430-0830 on 9590 kHz and
1030-1330 on 7345 kHz (WRTH Monitor update 5 April via DXLD)

** NEPAL. 61 years of Radio Nepal and Its Dilemma --- By Mohan Nepali opednews.com April 2, 2012 at 10:39:04

Radio Nepal began its broadcasting services in 1951. The state-owned radio right now is observing its 61st anniversary. Its historical significance and the information and entertainment services it has been providing to rural masses on no account can and must be ignored.

Radio Nepal has served the Nepalis not only as a news supplier but also as a promoter of arts and literature. In clearer terms, the national broadcaster has played a key role in enhancing the quality of original Nepali music. Many singers and composers developed their identity through Radio Nepal. Although the authoritarian rulers had a total control over Radio Nepal for over three decades, liberal media trends began to develop in the post-1990 period -- the decade preceded by the Partyless Panchayat regime.

From diversity and public interest perspectives, Radio Nepal is still an effective channel amidst 380 licensed FM radio stations of which about 200 are operating in different parts of the country. From technological and content quality perspectives, Radio Nepal is still the best broadcaster in Nepal.

However, Radio Nepal is currently getting weaker because of political and bureaucratic factors. Political corruption in the nation has directly and indirectly affected the operations of Radio Nepal. Ill-governing bureaucracy is another major factor that has helped to downgrade the dignity of the nation's historical radio.

While Radio Nepal commemorates its 61st birthday, it would be relevant to point out to its quadrangular defects as follows:

1) Government defect: The government run by this or that party controls not only the administration but also the contents of Radio Nepal. It appoints administrators and journalists that are recommended by the political parties that are in power. The government wants to use Radio Nepal as its propaganda tool rather than a public enlightening institution.

2) Media management defect within the radio: There are serious media management defects within Radio Nepal. Sound or broadcast engineers are usually the heads of the radio. The administrative apparatus of Radio Nepal appears with extremely happy-go-lucky manner. Their psychological poverty over their duties and responsibilities has done much to further impoverish the national broadcaster. The management team is inefficient and thoughtless. They only complain that they are there to carry out the instructions from the ministry of information and communication. Thus, they remain without any idea generation, innovation and initiatives. In addition, experienced and skilled human resource of Radio Nepal tends to work for private organizations and NGOs from where they draw remarkable income. Their heavy involvement in other institutions with little devotion to Radio Nepal has made the national broadcaster more vulnerable.

3) Apolitical trade unionism defect: Trade unions work as barriers to the advancement of Radio Nepal. They are not guided even by the parties with which they are affiliated. They are prejudiced, ideologically bankrupt and are lackeys of factional leaders. They carry political tags but do not follow any nation-building political ideology. They are serious headaches even for their parties. But the concerned parties seem idealess about their trade unions' unpredictable nature. Trade unions completely lack a vision to develop Radio Nepal. They seek opportunities to grow economically prosperous rapidly at the cost of the national broadcaster. Should trade unions think and act like political animals, the formation of vision in running the national radio becomes possible.

4) Journalistic defect : Those working as journalists in Radio Nepal need to work hard. Most of the contracted reporters and stringers are the products of nepotism-favoritism formula. Trade unions have spoilt quality journalism because they want their "men and women' rather than honest and hard-working journalists. So many stringers outside of the Kathmandu valley, and even some Kathmandu Valley reporters, do not know how to write news stories with journalistic angles. No importance has been given to investigative journalism in Radio Nepal.

Should these quadrangular defects be addressed with action-oriented policies, Radio Nepal can revive in a true sense. . . More at : http://www.opednews.com/articles/Nepal-61-years-of-Radio-N-by-Mohan-Nepali-120401-807.html
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Transport Radio 6095 test and live Motor show broadcasts === On April 4 the Dutch station Transport Radio will test via Wertachtal on 6095 from 1001 to 1100. From April 17 to 21 there will be daily broadcasts from the Amsterdam motor show 1001 to 1400.

Transport Radio is very interested in receiving reports from listeners. Feedback on the programme and the signal can be sent to the e-mail studio@transportradio.nl address. Correct reports will be confirmed with a QSL card. More information: http://transportradio.nl

(from http://www.dxaktuell.de/?p=2418 Hans-Joachim Brustmann via Achim Brueckner, Facebook via Mike Terry, April 2, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

Transportradio used to lease slots on the Ijsselmeer/Markermeer 1395 kHz transmitter until it had been shut down. So it's no surprise that they now try shortwave from the Wertachtal facility again.

The outcome could be kind of a RNW replacement service, since the RNW schedule includes Mon-Fri 0800-1000 (in summer) a programme for truckers called Onderweg, as featured also at http://www.transportradio.nl/inhoud/index.php/artikelen/463-ad-roland-is-ook-onderweg

Live broadcasts from the mentioned fair at Amsterdam used to be regular practice of this RNW programme if I recall correct. It also the reason for Orfordness-1296 and an Issoudun transmitter beaming to Germany being in use especially during this slot (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 17605, March 30 at 2045, no signal from RNW in English, but still on 15495, both now VATICAN relays. A few days ago 17605 was running an extra hour beyond scheduled 1957* but not any more unless a sharp MUF intervened.

9790, 9865, 9895, March 30 at 0519, RNW YL in Dutch interviewing an apparent second-generation Dutchman in New Zealand who replies in English. This went on for several minutes on these three non-synchronized frequencies via Wertachtal, Bonaire and Nauen, respectively (no longer Pridnestrovye on 9895) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. SO LONG, RNW: FAREWELL TO THE DUTCH LISTENER
Published: March 28, 2012 - 2:33 pm | By RNW

RNW says farewell to their Dutch listeners with a historic 24-hour farewell broadcast. On May 10 and 11 the editors, correspondents, former staff and listeners pay their respect to the end of an era.

The program brings together many new wonderful memories and special moments in radio history of 65 years. Once more, the World Service will bring that special feeling of home to all corners of the world, the feeling of the radio as a friend in a foreign land.

And RNW continues. In the future, RNW will bring free speech to parts of the world where press freedom is under pressure. For people who are deprived of independent information.

We look back at how it all began with music from Radio Oranje and Jetty PaÎrl. Of course there is attention to the many news, because we have briefed you for many years about what happened in the Netherlands. Like the flood in 1953, but also the murder of Pim Fortuyn which RNW covered in its own way.

Of course there is much space for our special programs about culture, language, for expats, seafarers, and truck drivers. The music that RNW made is discussed, and also your memories of the Worldwide will be given space.

We have spent years with passion and joy to work for you. In this marathon broadcast, we say farewell to the Dutch broadcasting, but we will also tell you how it will continue after this year with RNW.

Reception
The 24-hour marathon starts on 10 May at 22:00 and lasts until 11 May 22:00 (Dutch summer time). The radio broadcast can be heard via shortwave in Europe (with summaries on shortwave in the rest of the world), satellite (BVN) and http://www.wereldomroep.nl (with video). Listeners can tune in the Benelux on 1296 AM. Look for all frequencies http://www.wereldomroep.nl/ontvangst
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW (subject to change; Dutch time [=UTC+2h])

THURSDAY, May 10, 2012

22.00-23.00 pm: the start
We look back at the start of RNW over 65 years ago with much historical material from the archives and a great big band plays the music of yesteryear with Jetty van Oranje (Jetty PaÎrl). But we are

also dwell on the whys and wherefores of this broadcast. Why do the Dutch broadcast actually exist and what will the World Service do next? Including Pieter Broertjes, mayor of Hilversum.

23.00-24.00 hours: the Royals
In this second hour, we give a picture of the bond between RNW and the monarchy. Both have always been closely linked, to this day. With royal expert Ben Kolster. Worldwide chairman and former Foreign Minister Ben Bot will discuss the role of broadcasting in foreign aid.

FRIDAY May 11, 2012

00.00-01.00 pm: A multicolored broadcaster broadcasts in many languages.
To hear sound images with the many languages that were and are audible. In this hour we look at the Indonesian Department, which ceases to exist. What was and is the importance of RNW in Indonesia? Including Nico Schulte Nordholt, Indonesia scholar from the University of Twente.

01.00-02.00 pm: RNW as a radio service.
Worldwide sent church and religious programs with skits such Fons Jansen. Radio played a role in maintaining the faith.

02.00-03.00 pm: From shortwave to satellite and Internet.
From a cracking, poor reception to the smartphone and mobile applications allowing you to access news and radio and even TV in many places in the world. Back then, we sent letters and telegrams, and now communicates are via Twitter and Facebook. Rocus de Joode of the distribution program talks about technology. On the RNW compounds, you can see a radio van from the 1950s.

03.00-04.00 pm: Happy Station, the most famous program of RNW
Begun in 1927 and now there is a restart from Taiwan. Also we play a sound image, because the program was presented in multiple languages, something that is almost unimaginable today.

04.00-05.00 pm: Expats speaking
Which groups of Dutch citizens abroad now exist? There are the adventurers, the workers, refugees, the idealists and many more. Who are they and what do they do abroad?

05.00-06.00 pm: Culture for Dutch citizens abroad.
Many Dutch people have maintained their culture with the help of RNW. How important is culture to have a sense of the Dutch roots, what are the different needs of Dutch citizens abroad?

06.00-07.00 pm: TV on the Radio (BVN TV)

The success of summer and BVN TV was great, but what role did TV play in the end of the radio? Guests are former RNW Director Lodewijk Bouwens and the first Head of BVN Hans de Wildt.

07.00-08.00 pm: News at RNW, but slightly different.
Worldwide viewing the news always in their own way, just a little different, just a little more background.

08.00-9.00 pm: Cabaret and New Year receptions in 65 years RNW.
Of course many highlights of the programs in the sixties with Bert Steinkamp, Mies Bouwman and Teddy Scholten, but also interviews with listeners and guests including Wim Kan, Toon Hermans, Wim Sonneveld, and Conny Stuart. Youp van't Hek writes a special essay on the farewell of the Dutch section.

09.00-10.00 pm: Typical RNW - direct contact with the listener.
Radio is your connection with the Netherlands, including the New Year Greeting Willem Drees to the Dutch overseas, Het Schip van de Week and other greeting programs such as Tulips from Amsterdam with Mies Bouwman.

10.00-11.00 pm: The music of RNW
Enjoy the pearls of 65 Worldwide for an hour. We talk about the diversity and influence of the music department of RNW, but you can enjoy again those wonderful productions.

11.00-12.00 pm: On the road.
The successful program for and with truck drivers. Bob van Beeten & Bart van Riel talk once more with their target audience on the role of their program. John Selby plays live music.

12.00-13.00: Wereldnet
Wereldnet makes a trip around the world with our citizen correspondents. A special broadcast with room for current affairs, but also to look back.

13.00-14.00 pm: A multicolored broadcaster with programs in many languages.
You can hear sound images of the many languages we use(d). In this hour we look at the Caribbean Division. With historical material, but also comments from Suriname and the Caribbean on the influence of RNW and how RNW was and is perceived in Suriname and on the islands. With Noraly Beyer, Jan Pronk, Desiree Martis, Sheldry Osepa and Surinamese live music.

14.00-15.00 h: Typical Worldwide - holidaymakers.
Radio for tourists is inextricably linked to RNW. Think of the ANWB calls, the European weather forecast, but also of Radio Tour de France

and the thousands of cycling fans that were listening to RNW on the mountains. Guests are Jeroen Pauw and Ferry de Groot.

15.00-16.00 am: Language and RNW.
Language is a very important bond with your homeland. And of course during the last few years a lot has changed in this area. How newscasters talk now and how they did 30 years ago is a world of a difference. RNW also has a very special writing and speaking style, especially for Dutch nationals abroad, but this is only part of it. Language is also culture, the connection with your homeland. The psychology of language is very important for Dutch citizens abroad. In the contemporary political debate it plays another important role. Because you have to speak Dutch if you want to live here, but do the Dutch in foreign countries speak their languages?

16.00-17.00 pm: Expat on Air.
Farewell to expatriates and emigrants, with which the broadcast had also all begun: 'we will miss each other'.

17.00-18.00 pm: Typical RNW - programs for soldiers.
The programs for the military have always played an important role. What was and is that role of RNW? Of course earlier in Indonesia, but also for example in Lebanon and Uruzgan.

18.00-19.00 pm: News at RNW, but slightly different.
Worldwide viewing the news always in their own way, just a little different, just a little more background.

19.00-20.00 pm: The end of the Dutch branch of the World Service.
Once more a very vigorous debate about the usefulness and necessity of this decision. RNW director Jan Hoek will debate with Telegraaf's main editor Sjuul Paradijs and former RNW main editor Joop Daalmeijer.

20.00-21.00 pm: Farewell from RNW
All the famous announcers that the company has produced. With lots of fond memories of our company.

21.00-22.00 pm The last hour!
In the last hour, with pride and a tear we say goodbye to our listeners. We look back at the marathon broadcast, but we look forward to the future of RNW. And finally we finish the marathon with a bang ...
Would you also contribute to this broadcast? You can! Please tell us your favorite memory of the World Service. The best memories are rewarded with a wonderful book and 24 memories can be heard in the broadcast. Participate? Go to
http://www.wereldomroep.nl/mijnwereldomroep

Edited Google Translation of the Dutch-language website of Radio Nederland,
http://www.rnw.nl/nederlands/article/radiomarathon-wereldomroep-op-11-mei-2012
(E. Bierwirth, 29 Mar 2012, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I cross referenced this against the RNW English site and found nothing at all on this. I visited the Dutch site and had it translated, and nothing is there on this either. Then I saw you used Google translate at the Dutch site. That is the worst thing to ever use! Google can't even translate English slang properly! (Dan Hensley, ibid.)

Did your read it? Eike fixed it up purty good (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

That's no surprise since the whole affair concerns the Dutch service. And also when looking at the Dutch original one finds it unclear in a key point: Will the RNW 1 program feed go silent and all shortwave frequencies at present still used for RNW Dutch be cancelled effective May 11, 2000 UT -- or not?

I suspect they kept the wording ambiguous by intention, as ordered by their editor-in-chief who said that no official decision about the deadline has been made yet, as quoted by Andy before the first step of his withdrawal (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What catches my attention is: "Listeners can tune in the Benelux on 1296 AM." Will this be for the whole 24 hours? Whether 24 hours or just the three hours per day that RNW currently uses Orfordness, these may be the last ever transmissions from ORF, as well as the end of RNW Dutch (Chris Greenway, ibid.)

I think the marathon is really the end. Would be weird saying all those goodbyes in a big production, then carrying on in the following days, going into history with a whimper.

Any info on when the Indonesian service is closing? Some of the wording in the article sounded as if the end is close. I would think Spanish continues on SW until the Bonaire closure at the end of October (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, March 30, ibid.)

Of course it would be weird, to say the least. Here are the last explicit statements I'm aware of, made back in early February:
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=12731
Frankly, I can only shake my head about such an attitude which in German is known as Gehampel.

@Chris: I also read the announcement in such a way that the whole 24 hours broadcast will be carried on 1296 kHz, besides Wertachtal-5955.

Concerning the aspect that it could mark the end of the Orfordness facility as well: Here one would need to know why the two hours of DRM in the morning have been cancelled while the BBC's DRM pilot project as such still continues (Kai Ludwig, March 31, ibid.)

** NEW ZEALAND. 7285 DRM, RNZI, Rangitaiki. Good with news, fairly steady 0804, into music. SNR only ranging from 8-16dB, but messing up a fair chunk of the band, 27/3 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Kenwood R1000, Horizontal Loop), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

17675 DRM, RNZI, Rangitaiki. Music program, nondescript croonings of the Fleet Foxes, interview etc., 0252. Waxed lyrical about the quality of NZís beaches (surely they were just being polite after just having visited Oz!). SNR to 16.5dB, 28/3 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Kenwood R1000, Horizontal Loop), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

7280-7285-7290, April 1 at 1252, DRM noise, so American hams can kiss goodbye this segment of 40m, where they like to run AM instead of SSB.

In DXLD 12-12, we had two conflicting schedules for RNZI A-12:

for DRM on 7 MHz, the tentative schedule as of March 13 had:
0759-1158 7440 RAN 025 kW 035 deg DRM All Pac, NW Pac, Timor
0759-1158 7440 RAN 025 kW 325 deg DRM All Pac, NW Pac, Timor
and then no DRM until resuming at 1545 on 6170:
1545-1750 6170 RAN 035 kW 035 deg DRM Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji

A later presumably more definite one shows:
0759-1058 6170 AM 7285 DRM Pacific Daily
and then no DRM until resuming at 1551 on 6170:
1551-1650 7285 AM 6170 DRM Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji Daily

Yet another one is now on the website as of April 1, where changes are made without notice, so behold the whole thing in case anything else be different; here it`s back to 7285 DRM at 1551 instead of 6170.

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UTC	kHz	Target Days
0459-0650	11725 AM 11675 DRM	Pacific Daily
0651-0758	11725 AM 11675 DRM	Tonga Daily
0759-1058	6170 AM 7285 DRM	Pacific Daily
1059-1258	9655 AM	Timor, NW Pacific Daily
1300-1550	6170 AM	Pacific Daily
1551-1650	6170 AM 7285 DRM	Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji Daily
1651-1836	9615 AM 9890 DRM	Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji Daily
1837-1850	9615 AM 11675 DRM	Samoa Daily
1851-2150	11725 AM 15720 DRM	Niue, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa Daily

2151-0458 15720 AM 17675 DRM Pacific Daily

I wonder why they decided to go from out-of-band 7440 where DRM could do less damage, to inband 7285? But in none of these is DRM supposed to be on at 1252! Since this is the first day of standard time UT +12 resuming in NZ after 6+ months of UT+13, I assume they were unable to change the local time scheduling of the DRM transmitter. Yet it`s on two, not one hours later than listed.

6170, Monday April 2 at 1329, RNZI Mailbox is already underway with Adrian Sainsbury only, no Oh. Right into Bryan Clark`s DX report also before 1330 has been reached, starting with his visit to Cooper`s Beach, and American expatriate satellite TV and TV DX guru Bob Cooper; and then a string of current SW DX news upward by frequency, including one item I had not heard about before: [see BOLIVIA; also EQUATORIAL GUINEA; ISRAEL]

6170 was holding up surprisingly well more than an hour after sunrise here. But by the second item about propagation (should we be worried about sunspots, CMEs? marginally) around 1345, too much local noise to copy well, yet it is still the SSOB.

Well worth going back to listen online, for the clips of some of the DX and Bob Cooper`s 103.5 FM station, just what I am doing while writing this,
http://www.rnzi.com/audio/mailbox.mp3
which is the permanent URL for whatever is the latest programme, this one maintaining for a biweek.

7280-7285-7290, April 3 at 1240, DRM noise again vs the Region 2 hamband, but gone at 1300 recheck; no doubt RNZI which per today`s HFCC is supposed to be on air at 08-12 only; and per its own website as of UT April 3 is still supposed to be on only at 0759-1058 & 1551-1650, with no DRM anywhere betwixt.

7280-7285-7290, April 4 around 1255, no DRM from RNZI audible now, unlike the first few days of April. After my inquiry, Adrian Sainsbury confirms April 3 there was a mistake in the operation and the schedule: ``Hello Glenn, Yes you are right the DRM should end at 2359 [NZT!]. Also the web schedule has been corrected, hangover I suspect from daylight saving changes in NZ. Regards Adrian``

So this is the schedule on website as of April 4:

``25 Mar 2012 - 27 Oct 2012
0459-0650 11725 AM 11675 DRM Pacific
0651-0758 11725 AM 11675 DRM Tonga
0759-1058   6170 AM 7285 DRM Pacific

1059-1158	9655 AM	7285 DRM	Timor	
1159-1258	9655 AM		Timor , NW Pacific	
1300-1550	6170 AM		Pacific	
1551-1650	6170 AM	7285 DRM	Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji	
1651-1836	9615 AM	9890 DRM	Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji	
1837-1850	9615 AM	11675 DRM	Samoa	
1851-2150	11725 AM	15720 DRM	Niue, Fiji Tonga Samoa	
2151-0458	15720 AM	17675 DRM	Pacific``	

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15115-15120-15125, April 2 at 1900 UT check on the portable DX-398 in a mall parking lot, with BFO I can detect DRM noise next to very strong REE 15110 on AM, which is not splattering too much today. So after missing several days, VON must be back with the 19-20 DRM hour via Abuja; are they also still preceding it with an hour in analog from Ikorodu? If they cared to be heard, they would run the new transmitter in AM! The analog 0445+ broadcast has not been audible for several nights either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nigeria (not). Voice of Nigeria, 15120 Ikorodu. April 3, 2012. Tuesday. 1741-1750. Although its (almost) next door neighbour Equatorial Guinea is coming in on 15190, there is no sign of Nigeria on 15120. According to Aoki and EiBi it should be there in Arabic, but targetted to north Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1604 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No transmissions for Voice of Nigeria on April 2/3/4:
0500-0700 on 15120 to NoAf in English
0700-0800 on 15120 to NoAf in French
1500-1600 on 15120 to NoAf in English
1730-1800 on 15120 to NoAf in Arabic
1800-1900 on 15120 to NoAf in English
Maybe all transmissions of the station are cancelled, please check!
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As reported, I did hear DRM noise on 15120, 1900 April 2 (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 15045, Undercover R, CANADA, 1512-1524*, 31/3, inglÍs, canÁıes dos anos 20 (t); 25432. Emiss„o em BLS.

15050 idem, 1605-..., 31/3, m˙sica pop', conversa, info. de end. electr.∫; 25432. Anunciou potÍncia de apenas 10 watt... mas tratou-se de um logro: a estaÁ„o indicou-me, posteriormente, que essa menÁ„o estava numa gravaÁ„o antiga, e que a potÍncia real era de 800 watt ("The 10 watts was from an older broadcast. I'm actually running about 800 watts right now", Dr. Benway)! (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 930, April 5 at 1252 UT, WKY Oklahoma City, ``La Indomable`` is just barely modulated in music; 1256 talk approaches normal level, but is quite distorted, rather like in a permanent selective-fade. Very unusual for this one to display any such technical problems (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Clear Channel just fired a lot of people, including:
DEAN OF BROADCASTERS JERRY BOHNEN BOOTED AT KTOK:
http://mccarvillereport.com/archives/4354
This is also being discussed on the Oklahoma forum at radio-info.com
Tnx to Artie Bigley for bringing this to my attention. Seems Bohnen is an award-winning and highly respected newsman, but I wouldn`t know, not listening to KTOK with its farrightwingnut national programming. McCarville, another right-winger, used to be on KTOK too (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. What are you going to do with Face the Nation, proudly and belatedly expanding to a full hour from next week? You didn`t run it in February when it was one hour, once. I see in zap2it.com for April 1 that you are still running Hot on Homes at 10 am, after only half of FTN. Whole thing on 9.2, reliably, when? Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to KWTV, March 25, via DXLD)

The 2nd half hour of FTN will air overnight on Sunday nights (early Monday morning) at 2a (Kim Eubank, KWTV to gh via DXLD)

i.e. 0700 UT. On April 1, Schieffer acknowledged before the first 30 minutes were up, -1500 UT, that ``some of our stations are leaving us now``, but there was no announcement on KWTV of when the rest of it would appear! Good thing I asked. Zap2it does show 2 am Monday, but how many viewers are going to hunt for when it might finish? Anyhow, I believe he said Republicans would be on the second half, so if he keeps it that way, no loss. Yet for 2 am, zap2it headlines Joe Biden, then Gingrich and Paul, but I think Biden was on the first half this week. Guess what? Despite all this trouble to find out, I forgot all about taping the second half. Some things are just not worth the trouble. I have mixed feelings about Schieffer. Sometimes he asks tough questions, but too often he is proudly one of the inside-the-beltway guys, too cozy with the pols (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. R. Sultanate of Oman monitoring, English at 14-15 on 15140: Each day is different. Normally you get news at 1430 and a 15-minute feature show at 1440. At other times you may get a mix of other features and pop music, depending on what`s been programmed locally.

Sunday 18 March, SINPO 25422 at 1400 [. . .]: 1502 dance music; 1512 still on English service. OM DJ welcomes me to the show, but I

couldn`t copy most of what he said. SINPO now 14311. 1529 chanting, possible switch to Arabic half an hour late; 1535 chanting continues.

The SW service of RSO is quite hard to copy here in the UK as the signal is weak. It`s intended for the Middle East and Europe, but it struggles to get to the outermost extreme of the continent that is the UK [and how much more so to central NAm! --- gh]. Last year, when I was in Mbale, Uganda [another article says he was there in March 2012], I received RSO on 15140 with no problems at all. The transmitter was really good quality but the signal just has real problems getting here. I do believe that ``Oman FM`` is available online: http://www.oman-tv.gov.om (Darren Rozier, England, Listening In, from a much longer article, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan Sinhali and Tamil language service on 11600 kHz --- Hi Glenn, Reference to your comments in DXLD 12-12 dated 21-3-2012 on Victor Goonetilleke report from Sri Lanka regarding frequency of 11600 of Radio Pakistan used for its Urdu and Chinese language broadcasts. It is to clarify that in fact Gonnetilleke has mixed two different matters. The OK report for 11600 is for 250 kW transmitters used for Urdu Programme. Whereas he has reported poor reception for 100 kW transmitters used for transmission of Sinhali and Tamil Services.

He had in earlier correspondence with me referred to good reception of 50 kW transmitters installed at Karachi in the past. I have already clarified to Mr Goonetilleke that old 50 kW transmitters installed at Karachi have been dismantled and new transmitters are under installation and shall come into operation shortly. The poor reception he is experiencing is from the faulty 100 kW transmitters installed at Islamabad which are being used for all external language services except Urdu and Chinese. I hope that matter is clarified. Regards (Aslam Javaid, Lahore Pakistan, March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN Radio Pakistan A-12 summer schedule
   25 March to 28 Oct 2012.

Balti	0445-0530	sAs	7440 ? / 7265 ? ex7465		
Bangla	0900-1000	sAs	11870	15620	
Chinese	1200-1300	FE	15700	17725	
Dari	1445-1545	Afgh.	7510		
English	0905-0910	wEu	15725	17720	news
English	1100-1104	wEu	15725	17720	news
English	1700-1710	wEu	11575	15700	news [WORLD OF RADIO 1611]
Farsi	1700-1800	ME/nAf	7510	9370	
Gujarati	1145-1215	sAs	9805	11865	
Hindi	1045-1145	sAs	9805	11865	
Nepali	1000-1030	sAs	11870	15620	

Pushto	1345-1445	Afgh.	7510	
Sheena	0530-0615	sAs	7440 ? / 7265 ? ex7465	
Sinhali	1230-1300	sAs	11880	15540
Tamil	1300-1330	sAs	11880	15540
Urdu	0045-0215	seAs	15490	17710
	0500-0700	ME/nAf	15725	17830
	0830-1100	wEu	15725	17720
	1330-1530	ME/nAf	15290	17520
	1700-1900	wEu	11575	15700

(R. Pakistan pdf file via Abid Hussain Sajid-PAK, dxld March 28; extracted & reformatted by wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 31 APRIL 3, via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3204.9, Radio Sandaun, West Sepik. 0900 to 0940 steadily improving signal 23 March - Noted 1000 to 1020 with good signal on 30 March (Wilkner-XM Cedar Key) (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7; XM - Cedar Key - South Florida NRD 525D - R8A - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Say the station is supposed to have 2 kW, these stations over the years have deteriorating antennae systems and power to the areas is sporadic; it`s not like when they first achieved independence in the 70's. Australia gave them resources and money, and had people doing regular maintenance on transmitter, aerials, mostly from the old Department of Civil Aviation.

These days things aren't good in the capital, as I have first hand experience. Robberies, violent crimes which we won't go into, from [those] known as "rascals". The Australian Police force has a small presence in Port Moresby the capital, and sometimes flies into the highlands to quell violence. It`s known as, "highland football". Stand on opposite hills and throw anything or shoot anything at the opposition (Johno Wright, April Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Wantok Radio Light 7325. FD card, C 5 size. Full data on reverse and earth station on the front confirms report for 2 IRC's and 1 USD air in 7 weeks; also sent a postcard. Was my 4th attempt! Also sent letter and religious material. Nice stamp on envelope (Johno Wright, NSW, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Even in commerce between Australia and PNG they employ US $ (gh)

** PERU. Confirmacion de Radio VisiÛn, Peru, electrÛnica
[original all caps, sorry, mostly proselytizing; standard disclaimer]

----- Mensaje reenviado -----
De: IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL LA COSECHA <chiclayo@iplacosecha.org.pe>

Para: 'ernesto Paulero'
Enviado: s·bado, 31 de marzo de 2012 22:18
Asunto: RE: Contactenos - Visionradioperu.com

DIOS LE BENDIGA AMIGO DE LA ARGENTINA. LO SALUDA EL PASTOR: FRANCISCO CORDOVA RODRIGUEZ CON LA PAZ DEL SE—OR JESUCRISTO.

ES CONFIRMADO LO QUE USTED NOS REFIERE DE LA RADIO QUE HA ESCUCHADO Y SIGANOS ESCUCHANDO A TRAVES DE LOS DIFERENTES MEDIOS QUE TENEMOS Y LE ENVIO ALGUNAS FOTOGRAFIAS DE LA CONGREGACION DE LA IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL LA COSECHA QUE ES LA QUE DIRIJO CON LA AYUDA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO, Y DONDE DIOS ESTA SANANDO A LOS ENFERMOS PARA DAR CUMPLIMIENTO A LA PALABRA DE DIOS QUE DICEN EN EL EVANGELIO SAN MARCOS CAPITULO 16 VERSICULO 15 AL 18

16:15 Y les dijo: Id por todo el mundo y predicad el evangelio a toda criatura.
16:16 El que creyere y fuere bautizado, ser· salvo; mas el que no creyere, ser· condenado.
16:17 Y estas seÒales seguir·n a los que creen: En mi nombre echar·n fuera demonios; hablar·n nuevas lenguas;
16:18 tomar·n en las manos serpientes, y si bebieren cosa mortÌfera, no les har· daÒo; sobre los enfermos pondr·n sus manos, y sanar·n.

SIGANOS ESCUCHANDO, Y ESTAREMOS ORANDO POR USTED, DESDE LA HERMANA REPUBLICA DEL PERU RECIBA SALUDOS DEL PASTOR: FRANCISCO CORDOVA RODRIGUEZ Y TODA LA CONGREGACION DE LA IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL LA COSECHA.

QUE LA GRACIA DEL SE—OR JESUS, EL AMOR DE DIOS Y LA COMUNION DEL ESPIRITU SANTO SEA CON VOSOTROS, DIOS LE BENDIGA.

BENDICIONES PARA TODA LA POBLACION DE ARGENTINA. EL SE—OR JESUCRISTO VIENE PRONTO (to and via Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4826.5v, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco, 0955 to 1030+ noted under CODAR with good music and slight transmitter drift. Both 22 and 23 March. Seems irregular operation - happy that it is back (Wilkner)

5039.22, Per˙, Radio Libertad de JunÌn, JunÌn, 1000 to 1100 with good music 25 March (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -746Pro - R8 - Sony 2010XA - Drake R7 - Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. Hi Glenn, Confirming the findings by you and Ron Howard in dxld Digests 4556 and 4557. Radio Africa is not there tonight, but Radio Pilipinas is, albeit with severe interference from some other station after 1826.

Radio Pilipinas, 15190 Tinang. April 1, 2012. Sunday. 1750-1839. Unidentified language, presumed tagalog, certainly not english as per Aoki A12 (although there are bits of english thrown in). Several IDs "Radio Pilipinas" at 1801-1802, frequency announcements at 1803 and more id's, then conversation continues. At 1826 suddenly became distorted and weak as though another carrier had come on air, but I can find nothing listed with an *1830 sign-on. From 1827 the Pilipinas talk was replaced by religious sounding YL singing, not sure if it`s from Pilipinas or the new station. Song continued through BOH to 1832, then talk (in presumed Tagalog) continued. Still weak and unreadable, not sure what the interfering station is, no programming heard but there is now a very low frequency (I guess about 200 Hz) het as well, cutting in and out. Just a mish-mash of unreadable noise. Jo'burg sunset 1606. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9430, March 29 at 1311, strong Chinese from FEBC is distorted again, but carrier seems to be OK (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15620, April 3 at 1444, piano sounds hymnic, fair signal, better than the AWR UNIDENTIFIED [q.v.] a bihour earlier on same; 1445 FEBC ID with `warta berita`, i.e. news in Indonesian. Aoki shows 1400-1430 Javanese, 1430-1530 Indonesian, both 100 kW, 200 degrees from Bocaue (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA. Radio PMR, observed 25 March, first day of A12, on new 9665, English 2130; probably also M-F 1730 & 1930 (Dave Kenny, DX News, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

The 2130 broadcast is probably UT Sun-Thu since for ``M-F`` it`s after local midnite, at UT+3 DST instead of UT+2 ST as per http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/clockchange.html?n=177&year=2012 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

O o, below may be one hour off based on wrong assumptions of timezone (which ought not to make ANY difference for external broadcasts!)(gh)

** PREDNESTROVIE. [sic; which Russian letter is third one, E or I?]
Grid of broadcasting Radio of Prednestrovie (A-12):
http://www.radiopmr.org/about/27/Cetka-veshhaniya
On the short wave broadcast will go on the frequency 9665 kHz.
(Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx")
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WEB : FREQUENCY / UTC / BROADCAST LANGUAGE
9665 kHz / 1800 ñ2300 (*) / Monday-Friday
1800, 2000, 2200 Russian
1830, 2030, 2230 English [probably Sun-Thu after 22?]
1900, 2100 French

1930, 2130 German
1845, 1915, 1945, 2045, 2115, 2145, 2245 Music

999 kHz / 0200ñ0400 / Monday-Friday / Russian
621 kHz / 1600-2100 / Monday-Friday / Russian, Ukrainian, Moldavian
(via RusDX April 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

Updating my log of Radio PMR - Pridnestrovye on 25 March when I heard English at 2130 on 9665 kHz. That was on the first day of the A12 season, but on subsequent checks here this week English has been heard on 9665 at 1830, 2030 and 2230 (i.e. same time as it was during the B11 period). The 1830 and 2030 transmissions are most likely Mon-Fri, whereas 2230 is probably Sun-Thurs. 73s (Dave Kenny (DX News editor - BDXC-UK), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So this once again brings up What Time Is It in Moldova/Pridnestrovye? As cited above, timeanddate.com based on Tiraspol says there was a change from UT +2 to UT +3, but SW scheduling indicates there was no change, as far as Radio PMR is concerned, siding with the Russians who also made no change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 7350, Radio Romania Aktualitatez [sic] (Home Service 1). In Romanian 0400-0457 // several MWs on 25/3 and it is not RR International as is in published schedule. It is a similar difference as between f.e. Voice of Russia and Radio Rossii on SW (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Where do you get ``Aktualitatez``? In WRTH it`s spelt Actualitati, lacking the tedilla under the last t, meaning we should spell it Actualitatsi (gh, DXLD)

17850, March 30 at 1303 good signal in Chinese, modulation cuts off at 1303:28 but soon resumes, mentions Mei Guo, Istanbul? Then heard what I thought was a R. Free Asia jingle, and not certain it`s Mandarin; no jamming. Yet, no such thing scheduled here, instead RRI in Chinese from Tiganeshti at 1300-1327.

[and non] 11870-11875-11880, March 31 at 0537, DRM noise is overriding 11870 WEWN on AM in Spanish, which had no such problem in B-11. A-12 scheduled at 0530-0600 only is RRI in English to W Europe, 307 degrees so also USward. Not to be confused with the surround-sound noise field emanating around WEWN itself, audible here when the fundamental is strong (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer A-11 [sic] schedule of Radio Romania International: [really A12]
Arabic
0630-0657 on 11790 15180 15400 17575

1400-1457 on 11830 11945 15160 15490
Aromanian
1430-1457 on 6060
1630-1657 on 5980
1830-1857 on 5920
Chinese
0400-0427 on 17780 21540%
1300-1327 on 15435 17850

English
0000-0057 on 9700 11965
0300-0357 on 9645 11795 11895 15340
0530-0557 on 9700 17760 21500 11875!
1100-1157 on 15210 15430 17510 17670
1700-1757 on *9535 11740
2030-2057 on !9700 11880 13800 15220
2200-2257 on 7435 9540 9790 11940

French
0100-0157 on 9700 11965
0500-0527 on 9700 15340 17770 11830$
1000-1057 on 15240 15380 17785 17795
1600-1657 on 9680 11950
2000-2027 on $9700 11970
German
0600-0627 on *7230 9700
1200-1257 on 9675 11875
1800-1857 on *9495 11940
Italian
1400-1427 on 9800
1600-1627 on 7445
1800-1827 on ^5920
Romanian
0000-0057 on 9525 11750
0100-0157 on 9525 11750
0400-0457 on 7350 9770
0700-0757 on 12010 15260 15760 17720 "Curierul romanesc" Sun
0800-0857 on 12010 15450 15700 17860 "Curierul romanesc" Sun
0900-0957 on 15240 15380 17600 17860 "Curierul romanesc" Sun
1200-1257 on 9410 11700 15135
1300-1357 on 11700 15135
1500-1557 on 11910 15130
1600-1657 on 9690 11665
1700-1757 on 11970 15310
1800-1857 on 11970 15310
1900-1957 on 11970 15310
Russian
0430-0457 on &7390 9800

1330-1357 on 11835 13640
1500-1557 on 9690 11615&
Serbian
1530-1557 on 6025
1730-1757 on 6125
1930-1957 on 6125
Spanish
0200-0257 on 9520 9645 11795 11945
1900-1957 on 9700 11795
2100-2157 on 17745 21510
2300-2357 on 9655 9745 11795 11955
Ukrainian
1500-1527 on 6060
1700-1727 on 5950
1900-1927 on 6125
* DRM via TIG 300 kW / 307 deg
^ DRM via TIG 100 kW / 270 deg
% DRM via TIG 300 kW / 067 deg
& DRM via TIG 300 kW / 037 deg
! DRM via GAL 300 kW / 300 deg
$ DRM via GAL 300 kW / 285 deg
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. Galbeni - Tear down those SW antennas! Oh no --- The GE folk updated some of their imagery within the past 24 hours or so. The Romanian Galbeni SW site has undergone some changes to their SW antenna field. Between August 2010 & March 2011 some antennas/masts have been removed. Noted having been removed are some of the Southern & North East Curtain Arrays :-(

Does anyone have any other observations or information that co-insides with or adds to this? 73's (Ian baxter, NSW, April 4, shortwavesites yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 4831, 2010-2020 28.03, Voice of Russia, Tbiliskaya - Mixing product (5920 - 1089 = 4831). Russian talk with little music, 35233, heard // 1089 (21321) under UK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde where the spring has appeared strongly during the past week, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) see also UNIDENTIFIED

** RUSSIA. 7325, Adygey Radio. In Adygeyan, heard from 1800 with National Anthem and songs and jokes till 1900 on 25/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Voice of Russia A12 English Schedule
http://english.ruvr.ru/engradio/

I have not seen this 'posted' elsewhere, except on VOR Site (Ken Fletcher, P[ostal]-Code CH43, March 29 BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Transmission schedule in English by target area. 9800 and 9665 are duplicated both for North and Latin America at 22-02 and 23-02 respectively, but at 02-04, 9665 is for Latin America only, despite HFCC registrations showing 9665 on exactly the same 309 degree antenna for the entire span, 23-04, so who are they kidding? Merging all the Western Hemisphere frequencies, North and Latin America, this is all we get! O, for the good old days of 20 R. Moscow frequencies at once!

22-02 9800
23-04 9665
02-04 15425
04-06 13775

This does not mean different frequencies, same sites after 0200 and 0400 UT changes: 9800 and 9665 are from Europe, 15425 and 13775 from Pet/Kam, DVR (Far East Russia), 65 and 61 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9665, April 3 at 0016, V. of Russia in English to N America has co-channel QRM with audio and making a fast SAH. The brute force of 500 kW from PRIDNESTROVYE is not enough against the 10 kW from BRASIL`s R. Voz Mission·ria, probably, propagation trumping power, tho it could also be CNR5 100 kW from Beijing scheduled until 0100, or even N. Korea, 50 kW non-direxional 22 hours a day. VOR // 9800 is clear enough, 500 kW due northwest via ``Armavir`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

Distorted audio for Voice of Russia in Turkish 2h + English 2h: 1400-1800 on 11985.7 SRP 500 kW / 185 deg to N/ME, instead of nominal 11985 (DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

Voice of Russia in Turkish 2h + English 2h from April 3:
1400-1800 on 11985 to N/ME, instead of 11985.7
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12000 DRM, V. of Russia, Novosibirsk. On-screen ID as ìDRM RUVR 2Aî, strong DRM buzz on receiver, but not able to resolve through PC. 1133, SNR to 9.3dB, 10/3 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Kenwood R1000, Horizontal Loop), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

15510, March 30 at 1332, Russian pop music, 1340-1344 talk segment in Pashto(?) clarifies that there is a long/short path echo, 250 kW, 140 degrees from Samara, which means the opposite is 320 degrees USward, plus long way around aiming USward too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6075, April 3 at 1229, Moscow ID in Chinese. With R. Rossii gone from 6075, now can be occupied by VOR, per HFCC, 100 kW due west from Vladivostok at 10-14 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. A-12 Voice of Russia Moscow schedule
25 March-01 Sept / 02 Sept-27 Oct 2012.

Language UTC	kHz -1SEP	2SEP+	location	kW	target area	remarks
Arabic						
1600-1700	5925	5925	Novosibirsk	250	ME	
1600-1700	7325	7325	Krasnodar	100	NE / ME	
1600-1700	12065	12065	St. Petersburg	400	NE / ME	
1600-1700	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
1600-2100	12060	12060	St. Petersburg	200	All AF	
1600-2100	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	All AF	
1700-1800	1314	1314	Gavar-ARM	1000	NE / ME	
1700-1800	5925	5925	Novosibirsk	250	ME	
1700-1800	7305	7305	Krasnodar	100	NE / ME	
1700-1800	9345	9345	Dushanbe-TJK	100	NE / ME	
1700-1800	11795	11795	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
1700-1800	12065	12065	St. Petersburg	400	NE / ME	
1700-1800	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
1800-1900	1314	1314	Gavar-ARM	1000	NE / ME	
1800-1900	7305	7305	Krasnodar	100	NE / ME	
1800-1900	9345	9345	Dushanbe-TJK	100	NE / ME	
1800-1900	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
1900-2000	1314	1314	Gavar-ARM	1000	NE / ME	
1900-2000	7315	7315	Novosibirsk	250	ME	
1900-2000	9345	9345	Dushanbe-TJK	100	NE / ME	
1900-2000	9900	9900	Gavar-ARM	500	NE / ME	
1900-2000	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
2000-2100	1314	1314	Gavar-ARM	1000	NE / ME	
2000-2100	7315	7315	Novosibirsk	250	ME	
2000-2100	9895	9895	Gavar-ARM	500	NE / ME	
2000-2100	12110	12110	Dushanbe-TJK	500	NE / ME	
Chechen						
0500-0600	171	171	Krasnodar	1200	Caucasus (CIS)	
0500-0600	657	657	Groznyy	50	Caucasus (CIS)	
1200-1300	171	171	Krasnodar	1200	Caucasus (CIS)	
1200-1300	657	657	Groznyy	50	Caucasus (CIS)	
2000-2100	657	657	Groznyy	50	Caucasus (CIS)	
Chinese						
1000-1100	648	648	Ussuriisk	500	Asia	

1000-1100 6075 6075 Vladivostok 100 Asia
1100-1200   648   648 Ussuriisk 500 Asia
1100-1200 6075 6075 Vladivostok 100 Asia
1200-1300   648   648 Ussuriisk 500 Asia
1200-1300   801   801 Kruchina Chita 600 Asia
1200-1300 1080 1080 Irkutsk 500 Asia
1200-1300 6075 6075 Vladivostok 100 Asia
1300-1400   648   648 Ussuriisk 500 Asia
1300-1400 9560 9560 Vladivostok 250 Asia

Dari, Pashto
1200-1400   648   648 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
1200-1400 1503 1503 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
1200-1400 4975 4975 Dushanbe-TJK 100 NE / ME
1200-1400 15510 15510 Samara   250 NE / ME

English
0000-0200 9800 9800 Krasnodar 500 NoAM
0000-0400 9665 9665 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 NoAM
0100-0300   648   648 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
0100-0300   972   972 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
0100-0300 1503 1503 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
0200-0400 15425 15425 Petr.-Kamchatsky 250 NoAM
0300-0400   648   648 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
0300-0400   972   972 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
0300-0400 1314 1314 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME
0300-0400 1503 1503 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
0400-0500 1314 1314 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME
0400-0500 15760 15760 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
0400-0600 1323 1323 Wachenbrunn-GER 1000 EUR
0400-0600 13775 13775 Petr.-Kamchatsky 250 NoAM

0600-0700 21800 21800 Irkutsk 250 PAC/AUS/NZL
0600-0800 1323 1323 Wachenbrunn-GER 1000 EUR
0600-0800 11830 11830 Moscow 40 EUR 1st ch stream DRM
0700-0800 21800 21800 Irkutsk 250 PAC/AUS/NZL
0700-0900 21800 21800 Irkutsk 250 Asia
0800-0900 1323 1323 Wachenbrunn-GER 1000 EUR
0800-0900 9850 9850 Kaliningrad 15 EUR 1st ch stream MIDI format DRM
0800-0900 11830 11830 Moscow 40 EUR 1st ch stream MIDI format DRM
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0900-1000 21800 21800 Irkutsk 250 PAC/AUS/NZL
1000-1100 9560 9560 Vladivostok 250 Asia

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1100-1200 9560 9560 Vladivostok 250 SoEaAS
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1100-1200 12065 12065 Kruchina Chita 500 SoEaAS

1200-1300 9445 9445 Irkutsk 15 Asia digital broadcasting DRM
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1600-1700 7285 7285 Moscow 250 ME
1600-1700 7370 7370 Krasnodar 15 EUR digital broadcasting DRM
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2200-2300 9800 9800 Krasnodar 500 NoAM
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2300-2400 9665 9665 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 NoAM
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2300-2400 9800 9800 Krasnodar 500 NoAM

French
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1600-1700 9900 9900 Gavar-ARM 500 All AF
1600-1700 11635 11635 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 All AF
1600-1700 12000 12000 Moscow 250 EUR
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1800-1900 15465 15465 Moscow 250 EUR
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2000-2100 12000 12000 Moscow 250 All AF

German
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0900-1000 1431 1431 Dresden-GER 250 EUR
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Hindi
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1500-1600  9670  9670 Dushanbe-TJK 100 Asia
1500-1600  9745  9745 Kruchina Chita 500 Asia

Italian
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1700-1800  6155  6155 Kaliningrad 15 EUR 1st ch stream MIDI format DRM
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1700-1800 15465 15465 Moscow 250 EUR
2130-2230  1548  1548 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 EUR

Japanese
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1200-1300  7235  7235 Irkutsk 100 Asia
1200-1300  7340  7340 Petr-Kamchatka Asia 250
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Kurdish
0500-0600 15760 15760 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
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Mongolian
1300-1330   801   801 Kruchina Chita 600 AS  exc.Su
1300-1330  1080  1080 Irkutsk        500 AS  exc.Su
1300-1330  6075  6075 Vladivostok    100 AS  exc.Su
1330-1400   801   801 Kruchina Chita 600 AS  exc.Su
1330-1400  1080  1080 Irkutsk        500 AS  exc.Su
1330-1400  6075  6075 Vladivostok    100 AS  exc.Su

Persian
1500-1700   648   648 Dushanbe-TJK 1000 NE / ME
1500-1700  1314  1314 Gavar-ARM    1000 NE / ME
1500-1700  1377  1377 Gavar-ARM    1000 NE / ME
1500-1700  9345  9345 Dushanbe-TJK  100 NE / ME
1500-1700 12015 12015 Samara        250 NE / ME

Polish
1700-1800   693   693 Oranienburg-GER    250 EUR
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1700-1800  9615  9615 Samara             250 EUR

Portuguese
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Russian GR
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1200-1400 13870 13870 St. Petersburg 200 ME
1300-1400   171   171 Krasnodar 1200 Caucasus (CIS)
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1300-1500 11860 11860 Moscow 250 CeAS (CIS)
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1400-1500   693   693 Oranienburg-GER 250 EUR
1400-1500   801   801 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
1400-1500   999   999 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 UKR / MDA (CIS)
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1400-1500 1395 1395 Gavar-ARM 500 Caucasus (CIS)
1400-1500 1431 1431 Dresden-GER 250 EUR
1400-1500 1548 1548 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 UKR / MDA (CIS)
1400-1500 7285 7285 Moscow 250 UKR/MDA, Caucasus (CIS)
1400-1500 9900 9900 Gavar-ARM 500 NE / ME
1400-1500 13870 13870 St. Petersburg 200 ME

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1600-1700	9615	9615	Samara 250 Baltic States
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1600-2000	1395	1395	Gavar-ARM 500 Caucasus (CIS)
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1700-1800	999	999	Grigoriopol-MDA 500 UKR / MDA (CIS)
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1700-1800	7310	7310	Moscow 250 EUR
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1800-2000	1413	1413	Grigoriopol-MDA 500 UKR/MDA
1800-2100	801	801	500 Dushanbe-TJK CeAS (CIS)
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1900-2000	7310	7310	Moscow 250 EUR
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1900-2100	1215	1215	Kaliningrad 1200 Baltic States
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2000-2100	693	693	Oranienburg-GER 250 EUR
2000-2100	999	999	Grigoriopol-MDA 500 EUR
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2100-2200	999	999	Grigoriopol-MDA 500 EUR
2100-2200	1431	1431	Dresden-GER 250 EUR

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2100-2300 801 801 Dushanbe-TJK 500 CeAS (CIS)
2100-2300 1395 1395 Gavar-ARM 500 Caucasus (CIS)
2200-2300 801 801 Dushanbe-TJK 500 NE / ME
2200-2300 1395 1395 Gavar-ARM 500 NE / ME
2200-2300 9465 9465 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 CeAM / SoAM
2200-2300 12155 12155 Gavar-ARM 500 CeAM / SoAM
2300-2400 657 657 Groznyy 50 Caucasus (CIS)
2300-2400 9430 9430 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 CeAM / SoAM
2300-2400 12155 12155 Gavar-ARM 500 CeAM / SoAM

Serbo-Croatian
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1500-1700 12030 12030 Moscow 250 EUR
1500-1700 12095 12095 Moscow 40 EUR 2nd ch stream MIDI format DRM
2000-2130 1548 1548 Grigoriopol-MDA 500 EUR
2000-2130 9470 9470 Samara 250 EUR

Spanish
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0000-0500 12155 12155 Gavar-ARM 500 CeAM & SoAM
2000-2100 5920 5920 Krasnodar 200 EUR

Turkish
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0300-0500 1350 1350 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME
1300-1400 1350 1350 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME
1400-1500 1170 1170 Krasnodar 1200 NE / ME
1400-1500 1350 1350 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME
1400-1500 7325 7325 Krasnodar 100 NE / ME
1400-1500 11985 11985 Moscow 500 ME
1500-1600 1170 1170 Krasnodar 1200 NE / ME
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1500-1600 11985 11985 Moscow 500 ME
2100-2230 1314 1314 Gavar-ARM 1000 NE / ME

Urdu
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1400-1500 1503 1503 Dushanbe-TJK 500 Asia
1400-1500 9445 9445 Irkutsk 15 Asia digital broadcasting DRM
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1400-1500 9745 9745 Kruchina Chita 500 Asia

Vietnamese
1200-1300 12065 12065 Kruchina Chita 500 SoEaAS

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1700-1900 NF 11610 MSK 250 kW / 240 deg to Eu/Af, ex 12030 in French
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 11650, 1500 9 March, R. Teos, Philippines (via FEBC), site ID in Russian, St. Petersburg address, SIO 544 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, HF Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SAINT HELENA. Today's (April 1) New York Times travel section has a nice full page article on the island of St. Helena. The story is told from the perspective of Napoleon's exile and death there by an author who recently visited the island to complete a book he is writing about Napoleon's life.

I suspect radio enthusiasts who have participated in Radio St. Helena Day but have never visited there, or who missed my Queen Mary 2 talk at the 2011 SWL Winterfest or Robert Kipp's Skype presentation at the 2010 SWL Winterfest about the efforts of his team of hams and SWLs who restored the annual SW broadcast program from this rare DX target will enjoy this historian's perspective on how the "Saints" are getting along in 2012.

The completion of the airport in 2015 will likely bring an economic and tourist boom to the island. Maybe some day the newbies might even rebuild Radio St. Helena (Joe Buch, N2JB, West Palm Beach Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No NYT link but ubiquitous? Or searchable (gh)

** SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. 17705, March 30 at 1306, BSKSA is no longer on a clear frequency, again colliding with AIR Chinese service until 1315, which means it is also jammed by the ChiCom; I was probably hearing more of CNR1 under Riyadh than AIR. Yet there are plenty of open frequencies on 16m --- but each station has a history/precedent of using 17705, so nothing else matters.

15285, March 31 at 0524, Swahili talk, somewhat distorted modulation, Cairo? No, not this time, but Riyadh, BSKSA scheduled 04-07, 500 kW, 190 degrees.

15435, April 4 at 1759, BSKSA VG strength in Arabic, but with continuous crackling superimposed on the audio (i.e. not the audio itself breaking up), as heard many times before on this transmitter, not // the much weaker Qur`an frequencies 15225 and 15205, but correlating with the unID `big buzz` I was hearing earlier at 1346 by

itself on 15435, before scheduled *1500. By 1802 check, all three were off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. 9685, April 3 at 0029, IRS IS, very good, 0030 opening in English mentioning 6100 for Europe, 9685 for US (and no mention now of 9635 or 9640). It`s the usual M announcer, whose accent is too heavy for the rate at which he speaks. Know thy audience (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. The Overcomer Ministry is no longer extending the IRRS relay via ROMANIA 15190, an extra two hours Saturday only after 1500 for the live Sabbath service until 1700. Nothing there March 31 at 1506, tho it had been on earlier, such as at 1318. That means 15190 is also open for R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea [q.v.] should it come back on the air as early as 1500, (1515 or 1530 as below).

The latest HFCC as of March 30 no longer shows the Sat 15-17 broadcast from MIL either, altho still at 13-15, in ``Arabic``! As well as Fri 1500-1515 and Sun 1500-1530 (the latter axually Santec in English). Instead: 15700 Saturdays only at 15-17 in ``Arabic``. I did not run across Brother Scare there altho at the time I was not aware of that scheduling.

What does the IRRS/NEXUS-IBA/EGR site say? The Saturday schedule as of 25 March now does show 15700 at 15-17 after 15190 at 13-15 UT.

DX Mix News also picked this up and thinx the site is probably ARMENIA. Also shows Armenia on 15650 for a daily TOM broadcast at 12-14. Remembering this frequency, I was checking 15650 after 1500 which already has V. of Greece colliding with R. Liberty in Turkmen. At 1507 I could almost think there was a third station in the mix with the urgent intonations of Brother Scare, like on 15420, 9980 and 9385, but of course none would be synchronized for a definite match.

What does the TOM homepage say now March 31? possibly pertinent:
``MidEast 11590 15-17:00 UTC Daily
Africa 15750 7-10:00 UTC Saturday-FREE!
FAR EAST 15190 13-15:00 UTC Daily
Satudays [sic] 15700 15-17:00 UTC ****
AFRICA 17580 15-16:00 UTC Daily
FarEast 15650 12-14:00 UTC Daily``

Don`t even look at their ftp shortwave schedule download, which is further out of date without these, but with WBCQ still on 7415, etc.

15190, Sunday April 1 at 1402, Brother Scare is still audible here via IRRS via ROMANIA.

15650, April 2 at 1359 fast SAH between two transmitters, 1400 Voice of Greece IS, and presumably R. Liberty, Germany in Turkmen. But at 1401 I am just about sure there is a very weak third understation, with ramshorn call, The Overcomer Ministry mentioned, intonations of Brother Scare, not // or at least not synchro with 9385 WWRB. 1402 ID from IFTH, Greece.

Then at 1404 I check 15190, Brother Scare via IRRS via ROMANIA, which was certainly there before 1400, but now just a dead carrier, or JBM, or atop some other JBA station, Eq. Guinea? 1408 some keyboard music fill has started, 1409 rejoining BS, which I time as 49 seconds behind WWRB. So 15650 is not a frequency change from the 15190 service, but something additional.

On March 29, Wolfgang B¸schel measured Greece 15 Hz high, which would account for the ``fast SAH``, and at 1359 it ``covered a religious prayer underneath on approx 15650.0 totally, midst on the station announcement in Greek started at CRASH character at 1401:07 UT``. One would think the ``religious prayer`` was not from R. Liberty, especially if it was in English?

Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria, reported March 28:
``ARMENIA/USA, Test transmissions of Brother Stair TOM in English:
Daily 1202-1402 15650#ERV 300 kW / 125 deg SEAs from March 20 and continued --- # from 1350 strong co-channel by ERA-5 Greek and from 1400 by RL in Turkmen`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No transmissions for Brother Stair via Yerevan on April 2/3/4:
Daily
1202-1402 on 15650 to SEAs
1502-1702 on 11590 to WeEu
1902-2102 on 9465 to WeEu

Sat, no transmissions on March 31
0702-1002 on 15750 to EaAf
1802-2202 on 7590 to EaAf
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. Finally this month, a quick mention about REE Spain's 70th Anniversary broadcast 15 March, at 1900 on 9665 kHz. A pleasant, if perhaps a somewhat low-key celebration, hosted by Alison Hughes, Frank Smith and Justin Coe, with the first half of the broadcast recorded live at the Madrid Cervantes Institute. The programme included some memories of the occupation of the Radio Station by soldiers during the coup attempt in February 1981. I quite enjoyed a subtle gag running through the first half hour, which ran as follows:

Towards the start of the programme:
Frank (hopefully, introducing a Paso Doble): ìAlison - Do you dance the Paso Doble?î
Alison (abruptly): ìNoî
Frank (sadly): ìNo, neither do I...î
Later ..
Frank (hopefully, introducing a Rumba): ì Alison - Can you dance a Rumba?î
Alison (abruptly): ìNoî
Frank (sadly): ìNo, neither do I...î
Later, again...
Frank (hopefully, introducing a Salsa): ìAlison - Do you do a Salsa?î
Alison (abruptly): ìNoî
Frank (sadly): ìNo, neither do I....î

Well, I found it funny anyway! (AR)

That's all for this month - I look forward to hearing about programmes that you've heard and enjoyed over the month (Alan Roe, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

6055, March 31 at 0528, another REE frequency with severe problems, maybe same transmitter as on 15110 from 1900? But this one is not spurring all over the place; instead, distorted modulation audible only at peak spikes, and no match for RHC encroaching on both sides. See also KUWAIT [and non]

REE certainly has problems with its transmitters.

9630, April 1 at 0150, the DRM broadcast via COSTA RICA at 00-02 is expanding far beyond the full-10-kHz bandwidth supposedly employed by DRM. Stepping 1 kHz at a time on the DX-398, I can hear the DRM noise steadily diminishing out to +/- 30 kHz, i.e. reaching 9600-9660. Fortunately not too many other AM stations are active in the area, encouraged to evacuate? 9625 CBCNQ of course is totally blown away, slightly less so REE analog on 9620.

11880 via COSTA RICA, Sunday April 1 at 1320, world music turns out to be the excellent `MundofonÌas` show at a new hour for our Sunday morning listening pleasure, music from Karelia, Finland at the moment. Altho this is the strongest frequency (still no 17595 direct on weekends), 11880 now suffers from some modulation distortion.

21540 at 1355, REE IS making SAH with weaker Kuwait, as 21540 is about to sign off an hour earlier than on weekdays; while weak 21610 continues with `MundofonÌas` a minute longer, some 5 sex ahead of // 11880.

While monitoring 17750, waiting for RHC to start modulating, see CUBA, April 1 at 1947 I hear some weak distorted Spanish around 17764, sounds the same as 17850 REE Costa Rica, but no match 86 kHz higher on 17936. But there is a match on 17746, i.e. +/-9 kHz from the rather weak REE Noblejas on 17755. I`m using only the DX-398 on the porch, no second receiver handy to see if audio is simul or offset.

To my surprise I can still detect 17746 and 17764 after 1959 when TDP via GUIANA FRENCH DRM starts, blowing away 17755 itself, and in the sideband of RHC 17750 unmodulated carrier. On Sat & Sun, REE`s 17755 to Africa expands to 14-22, from 17-19 in Spanish and Portuguese on M-F. Also audible on 17715 to S America, which is at 14-22 on Sunday, 16-22 on Saturday, and only 15-19 including 1830-1900 Portuguese on weekdays. TDP and REE must not worry about mutual interference on 17755 [not 17555 as typoed in my original report!], with widely divergent targets, but it`s still unnecessary with plenty of vacant frequencies around.

Then I succeed in hearing eight! spurs really from 17850; see COSTA RICA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1611, LISTENING DIGEST)

15385, Monday April 2 at 1431, very poor signal with ME music, could have taken for Arabic, but must be Sephardic, in REE`s weekly service at 1425-1455, now no longer suffering ACI from RHC which has moved to 15340; announcement and on to more westernized music.

Now the two repeats need to be confirmed as on A-12 schedule:
UT Tue 0115-0145 on 11795 to SAm, really here and not colliding with Brasil on alternate 11780? HFCC on 11795 only, but was on 11780 anyway
UT Tue 0415-0445 on 9650, really here rather than alternate 9690? As usual HFCC-registered on both.

11795, UT Tuesday April 3 at 0135 check, REE very good with Sephardic music in weekly 0115-0145 service to South America.

On Nov 14, 2011, as in DXLD 11-47, I confirmed that this broadcast was colliding with Brasil on 11780 despite announcing 11795, so gave up trying to hear it for the rest of B-11 --- but now it really is on 11795, and in the clear! Like it was in A-11. But in B-12 I bet they resume colliding, oblivious of the situation, possibly because Brasil refuses to participate in HFCC, so as far as HFCC is concerned, this 250 kW transmitter is vaporware.

The final repeat of EmisiÛn Sefarad, to North America, confirmed on 9690, not 9650, with IS starting at *0412 UT Tuesday April 3 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9675, April 3 at 0532, REE Costa Rica`s bigsig tonight is here instead of usual 9630, so far in A-12. Goodbye, Brasil! They keep registering both frequencies, but can use only one. Was this a mistake, an experiment, or a permanent change? Who knows, besides finding what happen 24 hours later. Program was dramatic narration featuring birdchirps.

9630, April 4 at 0549, REE via COSTA RICA is back here after switching to alternate 9675, 24 hours earlier; why?

17595, Wed April 4 at 1311, the normally bigsig direct from Noblejas to NAm, is absent, tho scheduled 13-15 weekdays only, but this audiblized VATICAN q.v. 17590 just as it was going off (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17595, April 4 at 1756, REE is now on with VG signal, having been absent earlier at 1311. Altho HFCC has this over-registered as daily all the way from 11 to 22 on overlapping transmissions involving 4 different azimuths, REE`s own schedule http://programasdx.com/principal_archivos/frecuenciasreea12.pdf shows only: M-F 13-15 to NAm in Spanish, M-F 21-22 to SAm Portuguese So why is it on now? HFCC has it 12-22, 248 degrees to CIRAF 10-14 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, April 3 at 0013, tone test with flutter; by 0020 signal is fair with flutter, now drumming, vocal anthem(?), 0025 YL ID as ``Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation`` in English, but the rest in S Asian language --- not Sinhala but the Hindi service starts at 0020. Then man singing alternating with chanting, 0032 string music.

Nothing audible yet on 15745, but it does not start until 0100 and is only 10 kW, vs 250 kW on 11905 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, SRTC (Al Aitahab) 14, 15, 16, 19 March usually heard poor-fair depending on ham QRM after 1500 with Qur'an recitation, Sudanese pop music and Arabic/Sudanese yak. Aoki sked says 03-21 but unheard pre-1500 so far (Dan Sheedy, CA G5/Xwire at Moonlight Beach via Bob Wilkner, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

[and non]. 7200, Sudan Radio, Omdurman. Muslim sermon and TC in Arabic at 0235, clear till 0259 when the stronger IS of Eritrea 1 came up. At 1635 after end of Afghanistan were heard news and pop music in English of Radio Ethiopia to dominating over Eritrea on 26/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Miraya FM QSL --- UKRAINE: MIRAYA FM via MYKOLAIV, 9940. E-letter from Dorji Wangchuk, Broadcast Engineer, United Nations

Mission in South Sudan, in 4 days. This is the same person who in 2008 verified my report, and reports of other DXers, of Bhutan Broadcasting Service with a really nice e-QSL. At that time he was Executive Broadcast Engineer at BBS (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA, March 31, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD) Small world (gh)

When I report QSLs I usually include the postal or e-mail address to which the reception report was sent, as I appreciate it when others do this. But in the case of Miraya FM I sent the report to Dorji Wangchukís personal e-mail address. I didnít want to publicize this personal address without his permission, so I asked him for that permission--or if he preferred, perhaps he could at least give me the e-mail address and name of the appropriate person at Miraya FM to whom reception reports should be directed. At the time I reported the QSL I hadnít yet heard from Dorji, but he has now said itís OK to send reports to his personal address. Itís dwangk @ gmail.com (Wendel Craighead, April 2, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1611)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 17745, Sudan Radio Service via Woofferton, 1531-1544, March 31. Their interesting Saturday ìRoad to Peaceî program; many promos for ìRoad to Peaceî every Wednesday on 98.6 SRS FM; promo for monthly program with officials from the South Sudan Land Commission to discuss land use issues; pop African music; heard with an echo. MP3 audio at
http://www.box.com/s/9efef01701993ef54877
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. 5950, March 30 at 0517, SNAFU again on the RTI relay via WYFR: in Chinese instead of scheduled English this hour.

5950, April 1 at 0556 check, RTI via WYFR is in correct language English for the 05-06 hour, instead of Chinese, as heard 48 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4975, Voice of Russia, 1338 Mar 30, Pashto/Dari (per WRTH 2012), blend of music and talk, 1359 man with ID and announcements in English, 1400 woman commencing English program with another ID, low frequency het from unidentified station detectable on 4974.7. (Very poor to poor, // 11500 also via Tajikistan poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening lakeside from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 11500, March 29 at 1335 poor talk with hum, flutter, instead of Firedrake often found here. HFCC A-12 shows V of Russia is now registered via Dushanbe at 10-15, 500 kW, 155 degrees to S Asia.

Aoki shows it at 12-15 only, English-Hindi-English, while Sound of Hope 100-watt nuisance transmitter in Taiwan could be here at any hour; maybe VOR will dissuade them from a few.

11500, March 31 at 1249, just a big hum from the DushanbÈ relay of VOR`s English to S Asia, which had been funxional earlier this week. That`s more like it! Thruout the A-11 season, this transmission often failed, and it seems A-12 will be no different. Is no one paying attention in Moscow or Orzu? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TATARSTAN [non]. 15110, Tatarstan Wave/GTRK Tatarstan, via Samara, *0410, April 2. Carrier on long before sign on; starts with IS and the usual two IDs (one in assume Tatar and one in Russian: "V efirye programa na volnye Tatarstana"); monologue; 0414 nice ballad; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. [Northern] MARIANA ISLANDS {Tinian}, 21500 / 21720. At 6-7 UT slot on Apr 2nd noted real RFA Tibetan program on 21500 kHz, strongest signal on 13 mb next to V of Russia, Irkutsk 21800 kHz in English, around 0630 UT.

All other RFA channels covered by China mainland jamming, i.e. heard China Mandarin radio program as spoken jammer. Against RFA Tibetan 21690 via Al Dhabbaya-UAE and RFA Mandarin on 21720 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Apr 4 via DXLD)

** TUNISIA. RTT, TUNIS, observed at 1732 UT tune-in on 7225 with what appeared to be a live concert on middle eastern music and songs. Female singer with applause between songs. At 1800, a female voice with ID and News headlines and mention of Russian elections and Putin. (Sunday March 4th). (Edwin Southwell, England, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

7225, carrier on *1655 11 March, crash start into program in Arabic at 1658, SIO 434 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, HF Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

7225, RTV Tunisia. Arabic // 12005 and 17735 and MW 684 at 1730 on 25/3. Observed all their schedule on 25-27/3 ñ all times and frequencies are same as in A11 and B11, only now is 17735 instead of 9725 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

17735 axually started a few weeks before B-11 was over, as reported in DXLD (gh, DXLD)

[and non]. 17735v, April 1 before 2000, IWT is causing the usual

annoying lo het to RCI, but RCI in the clear with `Maple Leaf Mailbag` in English at 2018. Don`t know exactly when Tunisia went off (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see CANADA

7335, April 4 at 0556 open carrier, so I keep listening: at 0558:16, IWT modulation suddenly cuts on amid music and becomes // 7275. They don`t even have the finesse to fade it up, let alone insert a formal sign-on. As ever, HFCC registration is an hour off, 7335 at ``0700-0910``, 265 degrees to CIRAF 37. Aoki knows better, showing 0600-0810. EiBi is even more accurate with 0557-0806. Probably controlled by an inhuman timing device. Fortunately, Vatican is now finished with 7335 at 0500, so there is no overlap any more (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY [and non]. 15450, March 30 at 1255, VOT English would be sufficient if it were not for stronger Firedrake on 15445, but that`s off at 1300, and by 1314 check a weaker preacher in unknown language is on 15445, per Aoki KSDA in Kachin during this semihour only, not a problem for VOT, until 1326* with IS.

15450, March 31 at 1245, VOT is starting `DX Corner`, so confirmed this is an on-week for the fortnightly. She starts with VOT`s own new English schedule: unfortunately, every time cited as ``UTC`` is really local, so all of them are three hours too late!!! She doesn`t even realize she is reading the wrong column of her own schedule! This does not bode well.

And what is she going to do without Media Network to crib? After an item about Japan to launch a new satellite, at 1251 cited ``DXing the Finnish Way`` website with item about 639 kHz in Czechia; at 1250 about R. Azad Hind in India, a story we also have fully credited in DXLD 12-13; then at 1254 about HFCC B-12, August in Paris, sent to her by Drita «iÁo. I also got her mass-mailing about that, so I know Drita had picked up the item (and fully credited it herself), from DXLD 12-12, but did the Turkess credit DXLD? Of course not! I am sick and tired of broadcasters and others ripping off my hard work without even the courtesy of a mention! Another item followed about a ham commemoration of the Titanic, and already ending show at 1257.

Unfortunately, this timing now conflicts with the mailbag/DX program from KBS World Radio via Canada 9650, staying at 12-13 UT yearound, making it at a waking hour one timezone further west in North America.

Hear it for yourself on a Saturday/UT Sunday repeat, at the correct UTs in our just-updated A-12 DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

DXing the Finnish Way, http://finndxer.wordpress.com/

is mostly second-hand (not that there`s anything wrong with that) more about MW than SW, and usually cites sources including DXLD, altho ``various`` doesn`t cut it.

15450, VOT gets creamed by Firedrake: see CHINA. Tnx a lot, V of Tibet! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Ras al-Khaimah 1152 kHz 200 kW carries now Voice of Kerala (radiovok.com) between 0200-2100 (WRTH Monitor update 5 April via DXLD)

As in India`s southern state, rather far away, for Gastarbeiter expatriates? 1152 was Ras al-Khaima Broadcasting Station in several foreign languages, not all Indian; now just for Keralans?? (gh, DXLD)

** U K. MSF off air --- "Notice of Interruption to MSF 60 kHz Time and Frequency Signal. Please note that the MSF 60 kHz time and frequency signal broadcast from Anthorn Radio Station will be shut down over the period:
08:00 UTC on Monday 26 March
until
20:00 UTC on Friday 6 April
The interruption to the transmission is required to allow maintenance work to be carried out in safety. The service is expected to be off-air continuously until the evening of Tuesday 3 April, then to be off-air during the daytime only on Wednesday 4 April to Friday 6 April, and normal operation restored from the Friday evening."

http://www.npl.co.uk/science-technology/time-frequency/time/products-and-services/msf-outages
(via Mike Terry, UK, March 31, dxldyg via DXLD) So DX other 60 kHzs

** U K. A BBC colleague has now confirmed that all DRM from Orfordness [1296 kHz] was dropped at the end of B-11. So, the final transmission (in any mode) from Orfordness will be the 10-11 May farewell special from Radio Netherlands (Chris Greenway, England, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Has he also explicitly confirmed that RNW has cancelled its Babcock slots effective May 12 and that Babcock will close the Orfordness facility on this date (not necessarily definitely, but in the sense of regular operations ceasing)? Seems to be better to avoid misunderstandings in such a case (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 3, ibid.)

Kai: Good questions, but my BBC colleague can't speak for Babcock! As discussed earlier in this yg, RNW surely cannot continue its Dutch transmissions (all that Orfordness is now used for) after the "farewell" broadcasts.

It is possible that another client (CRI?) is waiting to hire ORF, but if they were they could have had 648 (with better coverage) already, so I'm doubtful, and am assuming that this really is the end. But we will have to see what happens after 11 May to be sure! (Chris Greenway, April 4, ibid.)

** U K. BBC 80TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME AUDIO ONLINE

Audio for the progammes on February 29, the BBC World Service 80th anniversary celebrations is available for online streaming at http://bbc.in/zLCavV

The programmes that can be streamed are Business Daily, The News Meeting Live, World Have Your Say, Click, Outlook - personal stories from inside Bush House, Newshour including report on the 80th anniversary, One Planet - A Global Audience with David Attenborough, Witness - the assassination of Georgi Markov, World Have Your Say, Health Check - special live edition, Newshour debate on the Future of International Broadcasting and The Strand - live edition (Mike Barraclough, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U K. [Re 12-13:] 2556 kHz Palace Radio --- Harmonic of matchday RSL Palace Radio (Crystal Palace FC, SE London) again audible on 2556 kHz (2 x 1278 kHz) this morning (31st March). This for their Championship match v Nottingham Forest (commentary from kick-off at 1500 BST (1400 UT)). According to their website, on air until midnight (2300 UT) but with non-stop music from 1800 BST (1700 UT).
http://www.palaceradio.net/shows.html
(Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ ALA 1530, March 31, harmonics yg via DXLD)

Thanks to Ian and Alan for the news of Palace Radio's harmonic. After rotating the ALA1530 to eliminate some noise, there was a station audible here (2000 UT, 31/3) playing continuous music on 2556 kHz. Presume it is Palace Radio. They are well down in the noise, but can just make out the records (Hall and Oates, Albert Hammond etc.)

They are fading up and down a bit with brief spells when the music comes up out of the noise. Best with the sync detector on USB. 73's (Nick Rank, Buxton, Derbys, UK, Sony 2001D, ALA1530 loop, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. 21630, March 31 at 1357 another collision on 13m, B-B-C-chimes over some language talking with distorted modulation, but at 1359 just as London is signing on, the other audio stops. HFCC explains it, as 1400 is when Somali via Cyprus Saturdays only [but often in English instead] hands 21630 over to Hausa via Ascension

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12133.5-USB, UT Monday April 2 at 0544 I am checking AFN Florida one more time in case Jim Hightower commentary appear when it ought to, one UT hour earlier than during standard time, but which slot has been occupied by other stuff for weeks --- and I am rewarded! Jim is back, at 0544-0546, topic JOBS.

Hope this stix. Should be UT Mon-Fri at this time, and also on unchecked // 7811-USB and 5446.5-USB. The schedule at http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/AFNRadio.aspx still lacks the block ``22:00 US Pacific Time`` for Sat & Sun, but does not show him either for Mon-Thu. Unknown if he is on the AFN schedule at any time whatsoever, since it`s not searchable.

7811-USB, April 3 at 0544-0546, AFN with Jim Hightower commentary for the second night in a row, about data mining vs privacy; see website of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, URL I could not copy as signal only poor tonight, but better than 5446.5 and not propagating on 12133.5. Googling leads right to http://epic.org

7811-USB, April 4 at 0544-0546, AFN again with Jim Hightower commentary for the third night in a row. Unfortunately it is a repeat of 48 hours earlier about J.O.B.S. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Washington, D.C. ó March 30, 2012 ó Voice of America is giving its websites a new look and additional features, and saving some money in the process.

The new layout makes navigation easier for the user, moves more content to the top of the page, provides bigger images, and more multimedia functionality. The design also allows online commenting on audio and video for the first time.

VOA, which broadcasts news and information around the world in 43 languages, began the transition to the new content management system (CMS) this week with its Indonesian, Spanish and Creole websites. Eventually more than 50 VOA websites will make the switch. . . http://www.insidevoa.com/media-relations/press-releases/VOA-Websites-Get-New-Design-145178975.html
(VOA PR via gh, Yimber Gaviria, Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

Whoopee! Checked the Spanish site http://www.voanoticias.com/ and stuff keeps moving around on it, great for those with severely attenuated attention spans. And shortwave marginalized even further, with no way to find what SW frequencies may still exist (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 12150, March 31 at 1325, VOA `Jazz America` with good signal, also on 7575, but what about 9760, where we spotted in the A-12 HFCC that CRI English via Kunming would also be colliding during this hour on weekends? Yes, it is, March 31 at 1329 check, atop the jazz, while another CRI frequency is clear nearby, 9730 Beijing site. How long till IBB does something about this, like moving away from 9760? 12150 is TINANG, 9760 is TINIAN, 7575 THAILAND.

Meanwhile, VOA Korean via TINIAN, 7225 was playing its own jazz piano music March 31 at 1327, then Korean announcement.

15730, March 31 at 2033, English lesson, very strong splattering +/- 30 kHz, 94 degrees from Greenville B, VOA French service in the 2030-2100 extension on Sat & Sun after daily 2000-2030. Also on much weaker // 15185 slightly behind 15730, i.e. 10 degrees from BOTSWANA, which is on air only for the weekend 2030-2100 segment. Did not hear a word of French in a couple of minutes.

9510, Sunday April 1 at 1312, VOA `Jazz America` clear on fair signal here, while the ChiCom are still co-channel mixing on 9760. 9510 is registered as the old 50 kW transmitter from the PHX site, daily at 12-13, weekends only at 13-14. PHX is what HFCC labels it; Aoki calls it Tinang II; and WRTH makes no distinxion between the 50 kW and 250 kW Tinang sites, both just PHT; why?

17530, April 1 at 1926, big open carrier atop music from something else. O yes, it`s still VOA interfering with itself, Greenville preparing to take over from S„o TomÈ, complete with sign-on at 1929, then French, instead of a drop-carrier-immediately/crash-start.

17530, April 3 at 1404, VOA news, 1405 into `Music Mix`, poor signal // and synchro much stronger 15580. Yes, during this hour only, both are via S„o TomÈ. I thought MM would run for the rest of the hour, but recheck 1442, 17530 now built up to a good signal in news, with DXer Dan Robinson reporting urgently from the White House on Mr. Obama and Pres. CalderÛn. 17530 is used a lot by VOA in later hours from various sites, but no more in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 12-13: BTW, I think that WBAP/KSCS/WBAP-FM have moved physically to Dallas, according to their mailing address on their web sites. Seems Citadel is consolidating offices in Dallas. KLIF has the same address on their website. The two frequencies from the old WBAP/WFAA time share (570/820) are now under the same ownership. Looks like WBAP kept the Fort Worth side office phone number with the 817 area code. 817/695-1820. Dallas is 214/469/972. KLIF already had a Dallas number and all of their talk show lines at both stations were already Dallas Metro numbers.

Street Address:
3090 Olive Street
West Victory Plaza
Suite 400
Dallas, TX 75219
(David R. Block, TX, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So also for 25 MHz

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1610: not uploaded until 2010 UT March 29, but in time for first SW airing: Thursday 2100 on WTWW 9479; then UT Friday 0330v on WWRB 5050, ex-3195. UT Saturday 0100v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB/LSB (last week did not start until 0135); UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755. And on WRMI 9955: Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130. On HLR 5980 Germany: Tuesday 0930. Also on WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1610 monitoring: produxion completed later than usual, but in time for first SW airing Thursday March 29 at 2100 on WTWW 9479, usual excellent signal. Also confirmed on next airing, UT Friday 0332 just started on WWRB 5050 ex-3195. Next: UT Saturday 0100v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; last week did not start until 0135, and also try LSB. UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755. On WRMI: Saturday 0800, 1500, 1730, Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730, Monday 0500, 1130. On HLR Germany 5980: Tuesday 0930. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1610 monitoring: Area 51 via WBCQ 5110-CUSB, this UT Saturday did not start until 0129 March 31, after an extended `AWWW`. More audio on the USB, but also audible on the LSB. Next best airing: UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755. On WRMI 9955: Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1611: first airing Thursday April 5 at 2100 on WTWW 9479; then 0330v UT Friday on WWRB 5050; 0100v-0130v UT Saturday on WBCQ Area 51 5110v-CUSB/LSB. On WRMI 9955: Saturday 0800, 1500, 1730; Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730; Monday 0500, 1130. Also on WRN via SiriusXM 120, Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830. Full schedule including many more webcasts at http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5085.6, 0150 5 March, WTWW, Lebanon, USA [there are several: you have to specify the state!], Brother Stair in English, 0200 WTWW ID (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Tropical Bands Logbook, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) I didn`t realize it was ever that far off-frequency; remains silent pending full-time customer arrangements, other than BS (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

[and non]. 12105, WTWW-3 had been opening nominally at 8 am CT, which means 1300 instead of 1400 UT now, but April 2 absent before and after

1300.

Instead, very weak signal in Chinese, with a break at 1259, i.e. due NW from KSDA GUAM, also scheduled 11-15, except until July 1 the final hour 14-15 is due NE via Trincomalee, SRI LANKA instead, per HFCC.

Wondering when WTWW will ever come on, I leave a receiver on 12105, and finally it pops on with usual bigsig at *1359:23 with Arabible in progress; no ID, no sign-on. IDs are automated in at odd times during the hours.

Meanwhile, 9479 WTWW-1 with SFAW remains quite reliably on air, but at 1319 today I notice the modulation is lower than usual, still with the usual ripple.

WTWW-2 which tested mostly with Brother Scare in Feb and early March, on 9990 day, 5085 night, remains silent (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MISCEL¡NEAS DESDE MIAMI --- Estimados amigos: Comparto con ustedes dos im·genes del encuentro que, por primera vez, tuve con el gran amigo Oscar de Cespedes. Oscar es uno de los diexistas m·s destacados de Miami con una emotiva historia que se remonta a su Cuba natal donde debiÛ sortear muchas dificultades (a las que me referirÈ en detalles a mi regreso) y de las que afortunadamente saliÛ airoso decidiendo su mejor futuro en Estados Unidos.

Hoy su vida es totalmente diferente, lo veo feliz gozando de su jubilaciÛn y disponiendo de un tiempo libre para hacer lo que m·s le gusta: la radioescucha y el DX. Las fotos corresponden al dÌa de ayer, 28 de marzo, fueron sacadas por Marisa, mi esposa y me las ha remitido Oscar hace un pocos minutos mientras estoy disfrutando del sol, la brisa y las im·genes caribeÒas de Key West, en el extremo sur de Miami, un verdadero paraÌso donde se llega despuÈs de atravesar un sinn˙meros de puentes e islas coralinas.

Al pasar por Marathon (uno de los cinco grandes ·reas insulares) se observa la planta de Radio MartÌ que opera en los 1180 Khz, emisora recientemente escuchada en NeuquÈn por el colega JosÈ Kucher.

PrÛximamente les darÈ un resumen acerca de la radiodifusiÛn hispana en Miami. Tiempo, por favor! Finalmente les comento que ayer fue el cumpleaÒos de Thais, la esposa de Jeff White, Manager de WRMI Radio Miami International. Nuestros amigos nos pasaron a buscar por el Clay Hotel de Miami Beach alrededor de las 14 horas y en dos horas m·s est·bamos almorzando en el camping del Parque Nacional Biscayne, al sur de Miami. ThaÌs habÌa preparado todos los alimentos, incluyendo la torta de cumpleaÒos.

Jeff aprovechÛ para realizar conmigo la tercera grabaciÛn para "Viva Miami" cuyo contenido refiere a la experiencia vivida en WYFR Family Radio en Okeechobee, Florida, tema del que les ampliarÈ con mayor informaciÛn en una prÛxima oportunidad. Las tres versiones de "Viva Miami" est·n a disposiciÛn de ProgramasDX para que el buen amigo JosÈ "Pepe" Bueno las incluya en su excelente p·gina. Por favor Pepe comunÌcate con Jeff para que te envÌe los archivos.

Mientras tanto pueden escuchar "Viva Miami" de acuerdo al siguiente esquema: "Viva Miami" sale al aire b·sicamente de la siguiente manera (UTC) por 9955 Khz e Internet: S·bados 15:45, Domingo 01:45, 09:45, 01:15, 15:00, 19:00 y 21:30, Lunes 13:15, Martes 00:30 y 13:45, MiÈrcoles 13:00, Jueves 13:15, Viernes 00:15 y 03:45 (puede haber m·s emisiones repetidas de "Viva Miami" que ocupen espacios libres que dejen otros programas) Saludos! (RubÈn G. Margenet, Argentina, March 29, condiglist yg via DXLD)

´LTIMO DÕA EN MIAMI --- Estimados Amigos: Estoy en el Red Roof Inn Hotel, a poca distancia del Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami y a pocos minutos de volar de regreso a casa. A la hora de sacar conclusiones de este viaje, es obvio que el resultado es muy satisfactorio.

Sin embargo puedo hacer un balance entre lo negativo y positivo.

Conocer una sociedad diferente a la nuestra me ha sido muy necesario, reconforta saber que existen otros valores. Pero estoy convencido que los argentinos a¨n tenemos una de las mejores artes culinarias del mundo, los mejores vinos yÖ el mate, ac· no existe. Llama la atenciÛn que no exista posibilidad de tomar un cafÈ con leche caliente. La leche siempre la tendr·s frÌa, ergo, es intomable. øSi quieren facturas o algo similar? Hay infinidad de otras alternativas pero ninguna se asemeja a un bizcocho, una medialuna con dulce de leche, un jesuita hojaldrado.

Es muy com¨n ver a los norteamericanos a las 7 (AM) de la maÒana o a las 5 (PM) de la tarde almorzando o cenando platos rebosantes con huevo, jamÛn, pepino, tocino, hamburguesas, mayonesa y otros condimentos picantes, omelette, salchichas, con emparedados gigantes, etc. Son generalmente obesos y se la pasan comiendo.

En el Crucero a Bahamas he visto im·genes desopilantes a las constantes horas de comer en una mezcla de opulencia y derroche. Es obvio que uno paga por un servicio pero hay quienes creen que llen·ndose la barriga lo justifican mejor. øY el colesterol?. Seguramente por las nubes!

Las comidas a bordo se basan en el apetito estadounidense pero tambiÈn las hay internacionales incluso habÌa una selecciÛn de frutas y tortas con libre disponibilidad que jam·s la habÌa visto: frutas secas (nueces, almendrasÖ), d·tiles, uvas sin semillas, melones, sandÌa, anan·, kiwi, frambuesas, blueberry, blackberry y no se cuantos berrys m·s.

Respecto a la experiencia en Bahamas, me encontrÈ con lo que imaginaba. Un paÌs re pobre que ofrece un paraÌso fiscal y mucha droga, si no fuera por los servicios de cruceros, serÌa a˙n m·s pobre. Los precios que pens·bamos eran m·s baratos que en MiamiÖ °Error!. Muy poca gente comprando. El momento angustioso sucediÛ cuando equivocamos una bajada a pie y nos metimos en un suburbio al costado de la pendiente, comenzamos a ver gente por las callejuelas juntando agua con baldes en unas canillas p˙blicas, alg˙n que otro borracho (o drogado), mujeres que gritaban desde sus casuchas a nuestro paso en un inglÈs muy confuso, chicos sucios y desnutridos deambulandoÖ Hasta que nos dimos cuenta que no tenÌamos salida, m·s camin·bamos y peor nos iba. Desandamos las cuatro o cinco cuadras interminables sorteando gente que nos decÌa cosas inentendibles (aunque imaginables), disimulamos nuestros temores con alg˙n rictus complaciente hasta que llegamos a la altura de donde habÌamos descendido °De terror!

Pero no pasÛ nada. Una situaciÛn similar en Argentina y la historia la estarÌa contando otro. En cuanto al idioma es indudable que sin el inglÈs fluido estamos incomunicados. No sirven las palabras sueltas y los ademanes. El inglÈs (mal que nos pese) deberÌa ser mundial. En Washington nos remordÌamos en el tour al no entender las explicaciones del conductor, por tal razÛn dejamos de hacer recorridos guiados. En realidad el yanqui no tiene interÈs en el idioma espaÒol, Estados Unidos puede prestar un servicio en nuestro idioma gracias a los latinos que residen y trabajan aquÌ. Cuando estuve en Calafate, por ejemplo, en las conserjerÌas los extranjeros recibÌan siempre respuesta e indicaciones en inglÈs del personal argentino, ac· dependes que sea un hondureÒo, un cubano, un salvadoreÒoÖ

Finalmente y ya para no aburrir el factor que menos nos ayudÛ fue el de la salud. Marisa, que vuelve seguramente para enyesarse su pie en forma inmediata, sacÛ la peor parte con un esfuerzo que le es caracterÌstico.

TropezÛ el primer dÌa y se nos complicÛ los 19 restantesÖ Por mi parte, el 80% del viaje me acompaÒÛ una hermosa bronquitis que reciÈn ahora me hace sentir algo m·s descongestionado y como si esto fuera poco, perdÌ una corona queriendo romper la c·scara de un pistachio, ahora trato de no reirme. AsÌ llegamos al ˙ltimo dÌa pero con muy buen ·nimo. Jeff White y su esposa ThaÌs tuvieron la amabilidad de buscarnos en el puerto del Downtown, mientras Marisa descansÛ en el

hotel, fuimos a WRMI Radio Miami International para grabar la cuarta y ˙ltima entrega de "Viva Miami" realizado sobre la base de la radiodifusiÛn hispana en La Florida, en especial, en Miami con algunos comentarios acerca de los viajes que hicimos a Key West, a Great Stirrup Cay y a Nassau (Bahamas).

Estamos profundamente agradecidos a Jeff, ThaÌs, Oscar de Cespedes, Dino Bloise y familia por la hospitalidad recibida. Queremos tener la satisfacciÛn de recibirles en nuestra casa en un futuro inmediato. A veces pienso, sino fuera por la aficiÛn a la radio øQuÈ diferente serÌa nuestra vida?. Cordiales saludos! RGM (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, April 2, condiglist yg via DXLD)

So now he`s not so impressed by America, can`t even find a mate! And how is the obesity and heart disease, etc. rate among all those beefeaters inside Argentina? Later he says it`s quite a relief to be back home imbibing mates (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, April 3 at 0015, WRMI ID and `Viva Miami`, another interview by Jeff White in Spanish with visiting Argentine DXer RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, who has been seeing the sights including radio facilities in Florida and Washington DC; seems he is impressed by America. His reports in the condig list will be in DXLD. He says there are three 15-minute VMs interviewing him, which should be availablized at http://programasdx.com/ At the moment WRMI is only about equal to the pulse jamming level, so I don`t try to listen now. Tnx a lot, Arnie! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7555+, April 1 at 0138, KJES NM, VG signal with Spanish catechisms, but just barely modulated. Slightly off frequency to hi side but within tolerance (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6115, April 1 at 0140, a younger Harold Camping on WYFR English still here in only remaining broadcast northward; someone had reported this on 6120, probably dial miscalibration (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. WYFR via Kazakhstan? I hear Family Radio with a strong signal on 15535 kHz right now (29 Mar 2012, 1430 UT). HFCC says this is 'A-A', one of the two Kazakh sites. With one closed years ago and the other reported decommissioned at the end of February, where does this signal come from?

The broadcast/frequency is not listed in the language schedules nor on the FR website, but in one of the South Asian languages.

Same question now on 11504.32 in listed Punjabi, and 12130 with listed Pashto. Both at 45433 here in Leipzig. 1550 UTC, 29 Mar 2012. 73,

(Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig / Germany, Perseus + DX-10 Pro, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Eike, I received Family R. on 15535 at *1400-1500*, too. Probably it is thought that it is a language of India. I estimate it to be Moldova or Armenia, but NDXC does not get conclusive evidence. According to IBB-RMS, in the TX site on 15535 kHz via Yerevan, the language is Urdu (S. Hasegawa, Japan, ibid.)

WYFR Family Radio via A-A 300 kW / 177 deg to SoAs:
1400-1500 on 7529.3v in Punjabi, instead of nominal 7530
1500-1600 on 11504.3v in Punjabi, instead of nominal 11505
1600-1700 on 11504.3v in Urdu, instead of nominal 11505
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

What do you mean, Almaty? Which was supposedly closed down at end of February. Yes, registered as such, but really whence? And look how far off each of those frequencies is, -0.7 kHz, a clue (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WYFR Family Radio from April 4:
1400-1500 on 7530 to SoAs in Punjabi, instead of 7529.3
1500-1600 on 11505 to SoAs in Punjabi, instead of 11504.3
1600-1700 on 11505 to SoAs in Urdu, instead 11504.3
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mystery site; so they adjusted frequencies from one day to next?
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WYFR Family Radio via TRM 250 kW / 075 deg to SEAs:
1100-1200 on 13630 in Illocano, not confirmed, also no signal on alt. 13660 [it`s Ilocano: I keep having to correct this --- gh]
1200-1300 on 13720 in Cebuano, not confirmed, also no signal on alt. 13575
[but something was on 13575 April 3 at 1409 ---gh]
1200-1300 on 13630 in Tagalog, confirmed

According to IBB Radio Monitoring System:
1000-1100 on 17845 in Tagalog, not confirmed
1100-1200 on 17845 in Illocano, not confirmed [Ilocano! --- gh]
1200-1300 on 17855 in Cebuano, not confirmed
(DX Re Mix News 3 April via DXLD)

Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio in Burmese from April 3: 1300-1400 NF 17605 TAC 200 kW / 131 deg to SEAs, ex 12160 A-A (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) TAC = UZBEKISTAN

** U S A. 11520, April 1 at 0154, WEWN English distorted and

continuous crackle, spur field bothering 11530 WYFR, Portuguese Bible study with Spanish accent; which still hasn`t learned to give wider berth to any WEWN frequency.

11845-11900, April 1 at 0159, WEWN 11870 Spanish is inbooming, unlike later in the night, audiblizing the noise field accompanying it, gradually diminishing out to 25 kHz above and below. The noise also audible on the fundamental. Two out of three WEWN transmitters have these problems, and no one seems to care. Mother Angelica should be ashamed.

9390, April 2 at 1312, WEWN English frequency has lost it: no intelligible modulation, just the sounds of extended flatulence, or should I say, motorboating? Finally at 1316 abrupt ID and ``joining program in progress``, but modulation cuts off and on, and the same noise continues in the background. 1318 carrier too cuts off and on, modulation on and off, still motorboating. All this abutts Brother Scare only 5 kHz away on 9385 WWRB. WEWN should be put out of its misericordia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4840, April 1 at 0459, WWCR-3 announcing an apparent change in the WWCR-2 schedule from sometime in March, 21-24 UT on 9350. This is hardly news, having gone into effect March 25, ex 21-23 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17510, April 1 at 2145, WHRI, `DXing with Cumbre` starting the `Pirating` segment until 2155, filling rest of hour with extended closing theme, and then playing opening theme again. This is one of only two known times when they really turn on SW transmitter among the many times on the schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WFIL DX Test QSLs

Hi all, I believe that I have now sent out all of the QSLs from the reception reports I got from the WFIL DX Test on Feb. 12. If I inadvertently missed yours, please let me know. Thanks for participating. It was, by far the best test we have run with more than 60 reports from 25 states, and 5 Canadian provinces. The big winner (not that there was a contest) was Michigan with 8 reports. I'm not sure if that's due to the number of DXer's in MI or the conditions. In all of the tests I've done at different stations over the years, I can't recall any that were so well heard over such a wide area.

Here is a list of the states from which I received reports: CT, IA, MD, WI, IL, PA, OK, NE, NY, MO, MI, CA, MN, GA, MA, VA, OH, IN, TN, VT, NC, SC, NH, KS, ND.
Provinces from which I received reports were PEI, QC, ON, MB, NB.

(Rev. Rene' F. Tetro, Director of Engineering and IT, Salem
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WNTP 990AM: "Intelligent Conservative Talk"
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** U S A. Re: Chuck Douglas fired at WTVN. Who mans the 'Saturday Open Phones' now?
http://boards.radio-info.com/smf/index.php?topic=209425.msg1875138#msg1875138

I was thinking Chuck was literally working seven days a week! Five days a week doing traffic M-F and talk shows on both Saturday and Sunday. That is why his departure from WTVN was surprising to me. I thought WTVN management loved this dude. More from Chuck here:

MY DEPARTURE FROM 610 WTVN:

"First, allow me to say thank you to all of you that were listeners, callers, Facebook friends and fans and Twitter buddies. You made the ride enjoyable and I truly, absolutely cherish you. Without you, there would have been no me. . . .
http://www.chuckdouglas.net/
(via Artie Bigley, Columbus, DXLD)

** U S A. It`s a new month so I am exploring what the Navajo stations are doing, after having been on nondirexional day patterns an hour too early in March. KTNN was caught powering up one day at 1235 UT.

660, KTNN`s official sunrise in April is 1245 UT, but nothing heard from it April 4 before or after this hour, just K-SKY Dallas with Bill Bennett`s `Morning in America` gushing over guest wacko Ann Coulter. Or should I say wacka? No. Still nothing from AZ after 1300, nor from KHAC 880 across the line in NM. Yet, 770 KKOB Albuquerque had popped right onto day pattern at its proper new time, 1230, and remained audible past 1300 with ABC news.

KTNN`s direxional pattern plot at
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/86014-2089.pdf
shows the cardioid nulling New York retains an itty bitty lobe eastward at approximately 87 degrees.

880, KHAC Tse Bonito NM, had also been heard eastward well before sunrise in March, but April 4 nothing before or after 1300, in KRVN null. (Back at 1233, KLRG AM & FM, Arkansas with local promos amid Imus, including nickname for local host being ``The Arizona Kid``.

That could be confusing). Still no KHAC by 1300 which should legally be on day pattern after 1245 UT. Same situation as late as 1315 when I quit, 770 KKOB still audible, no Navajos on 660 or 880, just KSKY on 660 and KRVN on 880. Today`s local sunrise was 1213 UT, currently moving 10 minutes earlier each week (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, March 30 at 1200 UT, ``Celebrating 70 years, KKOB --`` and ABC News; 1206 still in with local news about Bernalillo County. Poor signal, presumably the 230-watt Santa Fe County fill-in relay as NM is still in the night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1070, April 4 at 1220 UT, ``Wichita`s Big Talker, KQAM 1480 also being heard on 1070 this morning``, right-wing discussion of bringing back earmarx; 1228 anti-Obama remarx from same guys heard on 1480. 1240 UT check, oldie music had resumed, which is supposed to be the only format now of 1070 KLIO.

On caradio, when trying to hear the same syndicated True Oldies format from 99.7 KZNG ``Mustang``-OKC, the frequency Hiram Champlin hijacked from Alva-Enid, it is usually disrupted by QRM from the new Wichita-market station that OK move possiblized on 99.7, and ironically I have to switch to 1070 to hear the song more clearly and lower-fi. So why this talk intrusion temporarily on 1070? Hope it does not mean TO is on the way out (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1550, March 30 at 1227 UT, discussing the Duck Pond and Zimmerman Library on the UNM campus, familiar places to me in Albuquerque, so KIVA. I seriously doubt they were on night power of 27 watts instead of day power 10,000, tho March local sunrise is not until 1315 (April: 1230 UT) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NEW ST. LOUIS CLASSICAL MUSIC STATION COMING

An article in yesterday's St. L P-D describes a proposed new classical music FM station for here. No basic frequency mentioned, but a citation for it possibly being also carried on the HD-2 channel of a music station on 96.3 MHz. (That station carries a right-wing talk format on its HD-3 channel, a signal that comes in poorly on most radios on its main 97.1 MHz frequency here in the southern part of the metropolitan area. The HD-3 channel on 96.3 is much better.)

Here's the link to the story:
http://www.stltoday.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/classical-music-radio-may-soon-return-to-st-louis/article_7bf3a6cc-5d6d-5c83-9d8c-43e035cf44af.html

Looks like the proposed coverage area is pretty much right for me.
73, (Will Martin, St. Louis, April 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FRED MAIA, W5YI - SK March 28, 2012

Fred Maia, W5YI, 76; journalist, educator and pioneer in FCC volunteer examinations, is dead at 76, after a battle with cancer.

Maia published "The W5YI Report," called "America's Oldest Ham Radio Newsletter," from 1978 to 2003. Maia was a CQ contributing editor. His regulatory affairs column, first titled ìTicket Talk,î then ìWashington Readout,î offered news and perspective on FCC Regulations and ITU actions. His final column will appear in the May 2012 issue of CQ.

He was the first Volunteer Examiner Coordinator appointed by the Federal Communications Commission in 1984, and his W5YI group grew into the nation's second-largest volunteer examiners group, following the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

A graduate of the US Air Force Radio Operators School, Fred was an avid CW (Morse) operator. He was first licensed as a teenager as W1NTK in Brockton, Massachusetts, where he grew up. Maia was later licensed as W5UTT. He was a member of QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) and a Life Member of the ARRL.

A resident of Arlington, Texas, Fred was a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Radio Operatorís School, and was first licensed as an amateur radio operator as a teenager in Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and two daughters. A memorial service is scheduled for 3:00pm, Saturday March 31, 2012, at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Dr., Arlington, TX 76012.

ARRL and W5YI Group (via Bryan Crow, PA, K3VR, March 30, DXLD) obit

** U S A. Re 12-13, FM pirate bust in Cosby TN: ``87.9 was hardly interfering with anything, no longer an analog channel 6 audio 87.75 from Knoxville (Glenn Hauser, ex-TN, DXLD)``

I was hiking in this area just last May. That someone would even notice this one in such a remote area of TN, much less it would come to the attention of the FCC is a bit creepy and unjust
(Terry Krueger, FL, Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [and non]. 13730, March 30 at 1154, religious talk in Spanish on poor signal, so the 1130 relay via Sackville, CANADA is confirmed on summer channel. HFCC A-12 claims it lasts until 1215 with English too, which I did not check, but the latter had been imaginary

in B-season.

15595, March 30 at 1156, VR direct has better signal here than 13730, aside strong OC from 15590 VOA Greenville prior to Spanish.

13730, March 31 at 1207, very poor signal in English M&W; by 1212 improved slightly to hear Vatican Radio ending news, mentioning date, maybe plugging a saint, 1214 open carrier to 1215*. So VR`s English broadcast at 1200 is again on the air via CANADA, and confirmed, altho there was no VR or RCI IS before closing. It`s 189 degrees from Sackville to Caribbean and Central America, no comparison to the bigsig on 13750 from Greenville VOA Spanish with country music in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9810, April 1 at 0506, VR Scandinavian language (Swedish on Sundays per Aoki), no longer with collision from RHC, but instead DRM-sounding noise co-channel, tho none such is scheduled on 9805, 9810 or 9815. Hmm, maybe the noise is from RHC with an open STL feed.

17590, April 4 at 1311, in absence of strong signal from 17595 SPAIN q.v., a few words of Chinese, morphing to Latin ``Laudetur Jesus Christus``, which combined with two notes of the Vatican Radio ``Christus Vincit`` IS before cut off abruptly at 1312* leads me to believe it was VR, as scheduled 1225-1315 in Chinese, 500 kW, 65 degrees from SMG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. El Presidente is bankrupting the country with his cancer surgeries. One of these days he won't be coming home (not a wish, just an observation) and the white elephant transmitters he's building (or so I've heard) will either never get switched on or will quickly be dismantled and sold to a broadcaster with money--likely a religious broadcaster (John A Figliozzi, Halfmoon NY, internetradio via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. 6180, R. Nacional de Venezuela via La Habana. Very noisy with a just audible SS phone-in before a song and music at 0927 on 2/3 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R-75, Longwire, Realistic DX160), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Not scheduled till 1000, when on? (Craig Seager, ed., ibid.)

Bad guess. RNV services have been gone since last June or so, as we have pointed out repeatedly in DXLD. Altho I don`t often monitor at these hours, none of the other transmissions in the daytime or evening are ever heard as on previous schedule. He probably was hearing RNA, Brasil, in Portuguese, not Spanish (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. V of VIETNAM logged on 5955 kHz at 1800 UT 7th

March and heard the News followed by the Mailbag programme which included a letter from myself. V of Vietnam seems to have changed a little with the News programme starting off with local news, then some sort of noise like many stations appear to have nowadays then we heard the world news. I hope you know what I mean by the noise between news items - if not listen to the news. Good reception at 1800 on 5955 kHz (Edwin Southwell, England, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Helps to be relayed via AUSTRIA (gh)

9850, Voice of Vietnam 4, Hanoi, 0405-0530*, Mar 25, program in Dao (listed), Hilltribe chant sometimes a cappella, sometimes accompanied by flute or string instrument, short ann, at 0500 ann, into HíMong programme (listed) and more chant as before; this frequency only on air in this timeslot, 45444 (Gerhard Werdin, Remagen, Germany, visiting Thailand, DSWCI DX Window April 4 via DXLD)

12000, March 31 at 1245 Russian YL with strange accent, then a clip I thought was in Chinese, but must have been Vietnamese, since this is VOV`s 1100-1330 transmission alternating Chinese and Russian on 100 kW, 27 degree beam from Hanoi-Sontay, also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 8294-USB, Vietnam Coast Radio Stations (VISHIPEL) (presumed) on March 30 with marine weather.

Ho Chi Minh Radio, *1305-1315*. Different YLs in Vietnamese and English. Distinctive tones (phone?) at start and end; sounded like: ìAttention all stations, all stations, all stations. This is Ho Chi Minh Radio, Ho Chi Minh Radio, Ho Chi Minh Radioî with announcement that a fishing boat had one person overboard and dated ì1100 UTC the 17th of March, 2012î; into Vietnamese. MP3 audio posted at http://www.box.com/s/d9e6a14271305cec7b94
(Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Address and E-mail list of Vietnamese coastal radio stations are shown in my home page "Monthly Shortwave"
http://www5a.biglobe.ne.jp/~BCLSWL/TA1204.html
The addresses were given in Vietnamese alphabet, which can be visible if the browser encodes properly (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, April 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ARGELIA: LA RN SAHARAUI Y LA RADIO DE ARGELIA FIRMAN ACUERDO DE COOPERACI”N --- lun, 02/04/2012 - 19:36

Argelia, 02/04/12 (SPS) -. La RN saharaui y la Radio de Argelia han firmado un acuerdo de cooperaciÛn. El acuerdo lo firma por la parte saharaui el embajador saharaui en ese paÌs Sr. Brahim Ghali, y por la

parte argelina, su Director General, Sr. Chaaban Onakl, seg˙n fuentes diplom·ticas saharauis.

El protocolo del acuerdo incluye la colaboraciÛn y coordinaciÛn entre las dos emisoras en el "intercambio de misiones tÈcnicas y formaciÛn en el ·mbito de la prensa" a travÈs del Instituto que se pondr· en marcha este mes en la radio argelina, seg˙n la misma fuente.

El acuerdo fue firmado durante un encuentro que tuvo el embajador saharaui en la sede de la radio argelina; asÌ mismo durante el encuentro se debatieron las formas de fortalecer las relaciones de cooperaciÛn y coordinaciÛn entre las dos emisoras amigas.

El diplom·tico saharaui expresÛ su agradecimiento a la radio argelina por los esfuerzos realizados en la defensa del derecho del pueblo saharaui y a todos los medios de comunicaciÛn argelinos. El embajador saharaui durante su estancia en la sede de la emisora argelina ha hecho una breve inserciÛn de los ˙ltimos acontecimientos del conflicto saharaui. SPS 090/099 TRAD
FUENTE:
http://www.spsrasd.info/es/content/la-rn-saharaui-y-la-radio-de-argelia-firman-acuerdo-de-cooperaci%C3%B3n
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Typical diplomatic doubletalk saying really nothing, least of all anything about the axual radio transmitters on 700/1550, and inactive 6297v kHz, from Tindouf, Algeria, right next to W.S. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA / CLANDESTINE --- 1550, Polisario Front, Rabouni, changed the schedule of its daily half hour program in Castilian. On both 18th & 19th inst., the evening program in Arabic simply went on until 2330v (2333 on the 19th), so I immediately assumed they were back with a pattern followed years ago, and today I was able to confirm my assumption was (partly) correct: the Castilian segment is now at least between 1730(?) and 1800. It just happens I caught them at the very beginning of the news bulletin, 1730, so maybe they¥re starting at that time or even at 1700, also like they did in the past. No frequency or schedule announcements as usual, unless perhaps a reference to the start time like they did at 2300v, but this is a detail I can only ascertain when I¥m able to observe them at 1700: probably the day after tomorrow. Best regards, (Carlos GonÁalves (20/3-2012), Portugal, Ydun`s MW News via DXLD)

25/03-2012: ALGERIA / CLANDESTINE, Polisario Front: In my previous report, I said I¥d be observing this station either yesterday or today. Well, today, I was able to do it; but no signal from them on 1550 or on their other frequency, 700 (or even 702). (Carlos GonÁalves

POR (24/3-2012), ibid.)

26/03-2012: ALGERIA / CLANDESTINE, 1550, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALG, absent on 23 & 24 inst., but returned today, starting at 1700 UT, and airing its daily half hour Castilian program 1730-1800. As reported the other day, the evening broadcast runs up till 2330 UT. (Carlos GonÁalves POR (26/3-2012), ibid.)

ESTA«'ES CLANDESTINAS: 1550, Frente Polisario, Rabouni, ArgÈlia, 1002-1304*, 02/4, curto notici·rio em castelhano, 1000-1004, continuaÁ„o da programaÁ„o em ·rabe, atÈ cerca das 1200; programa em castelhano a partir das 1202, atÈ ao fecho; 35343. O 2.∫ programa em castelhano È ‡s 1730-1800. Ao fim da tarde, a emiss„o comeÁa pelas 1700, em ·rabe, e continua nesta lÌngua, das 1800 ‡s 2330* (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

03/04-2012: 1550, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALG, observed today, 02 Apr, with a short news bulletin in Castilian at 1000-1004, then continued in Arabic; until I found them again in Castilian with a program lasting for more than the evening's half hour (currently 1700-1730, ex-2300-2330), i.e. 1202-1304*. Up here in Lisboa, their morning signal is lost long before the s/off time, but it's by no means so, if observed in the SW coast where it's audible throughout thanks to a Beverage or a K9AY. In fact, the distance between both receiving stations does seem irrelevant, but it's more than enough to get a completely different panorama, regardless of the Beverages, so a coastal receiver and less man made noise are paramount in many ways. Best regards, (Carlos GonÁalves POR (3/4-2012), Ydun`s MW News via DXLD)

** YEMEN. Our Sat evening, I noticed Arabic music on 9780 ~0245Z. I presume Yemen, but didn't stay around for an ID. Signal was poor but quite readable. Music selections were unusually short with a YL in between. 73, (Theo Donnelly, BC, UT April 1, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

Per Aoki and WRTH sign-on is 0300. There was another unconfirmed report a few weeks ago at an earlier hour, indicating it may be on 24 hours, if really active. Please keep checking 9780 at various hours for this (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, presumed ZNBC Radio 1, Lusaka, 0442-0517 March 27; M & W announcers with talk in unID language and music bits; banter; different M announcer at 0449 with (Tentative) mention of Zambia; Afropops at 0450 & occasional talk over music; M announcer at 0500 with (Presumed) news & dramatic drop in audio level; Afropops at 0510 & continuing past listed *0515 [0515*?]; fair at t/in & deteriorating after ToH; pleased to hear this as it's been years since I last logged

ZNBC (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H., NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6065, R Christian Voice, Lusaka, 1648, March 31, English talk on orthodontic treatment, 1643 "Radio Christian Voice is interested in you ...", continued with item on baby care to 1700 carrier off. Frequency is clear now that VOIRI Arabic has moved. Had never before heard them so well here (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands (TenTec RX-340, 25m. longwire), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1060, March 30 at 1220 UT, Spanish with funny American accent, pronouncing lots of team names as in English, ID in passing as ESPN Deportes, was NBA report. I don`t find any 1060 affiliate listed in the 2011-2012 NRC AM Log, recent change? On net website http://espndeportes.espn.go.com/ I can`t find any affiliate list. The network has a presence in Mexico, too. Certainly not KIJN Farwell TX, which was audible a bit later with Spanish-American religion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 28 and 29 March 2012 after 2000 UT observe an interesting phenomenon. On 4830 kHz hear religious broadcast in the Russian language, which sounds and the 1089 kHz, with an admixture of some other station (inaudible). (Alexander Egorov, Kyiv, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX via DXLD)

Here we go again. The people who most need to ingest DXLD are not doing so. Or if that`s too much, they could just search the DXLD open archive, in this case on 1089 at site:www.w4uvh.net and look at what they get.

As we have explained several times, these spurs are simply the difference between some higher frequency, and the MW frequency 1089, both from the so-called ``Tblisskaya`` site. At least he realizes that 1089 is involved, which not everyone has. But must have been listening to 4831, not 4830, i.e. 1089 below 5920, which is currently: VOR Spanish at 20-21, plus 21-22 Portuguese from ``Krasnodar`` = same place (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also RUSSIA 4831

UNIDENTIFIED. [continued from 12-13]. Re: Strange QRM on 6060 kHz

March 29, noticed "sign-on" at 1714 UT. Good signal all over Europe. Also visible on two remote Perseus in Japan at 1740 UT, but they are covered by the 6060 jamming which is quite different (indeed sounds like DRM noise). 1742: transmitting morse code (sorry, I was too slow to copy anything), the two carriers are "clean" now for a minute or so, then back with many subcarriers. 73 (G¸nter Lorenz, Freising, Germany, RX: Perseus ANT: ALA1530+SSB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

You are right: this is another case, not to be mixed with the North Korean motor boat sounding jammer. I have some 49 mb files from 27th March, and also then it seems to appear some time between 1700 and 1730. The last traces of it I see at 2330 and in 0000 file it is gone. From Middle East? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7100.04, on April 2 from 0321 to 0330, seemed to possibly be an African station playing African sounding music and some chanting/singing; too weak to make out the language (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERITREA/ETHIOPIA: "White Noise" jamming in range 7100 to 7205 kHz range comes usually from Ethiopian transmitter sites, aimed at Eritrean broadcasts. Latter transmitters hopping in this 100 kHz range, the lowest one starts often on 7130 kHz jumps to 7120, 7115, 7110, down in 5 kHz steps to 7100 kHz.

But these China made BBEF firm transmitters and digital mode modulators are used by Ethiopian government in digital noise mode

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at Myanmar outlets on 7100/7110/7200 kHz from
7110 kHz Pyin Oo Lwin 22 01 03.76 N 96 32 59.70 E new RIZ transmitter from January 2012.

see the numerous bandwatch messages of WHITE NOISE jamming on 7100 - 7200 kHz

IARUMS region Bandwatch files
http://www.iarums-r1.org/
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/latest.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2012/news1201.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2012/news1202.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/tips_urls.html
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/actions.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/sound/main.html
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/bw-2010.pps
(Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. OPPOSITION broadcast in Korean: 1900-2100 on 7530 ERV 100 kW / 065 deg. First noted on April 1. Any ideas? Maybe Radio Free North Korea, Voice of Wilderness, North Korea Reform Radio (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 9995.54 kHz: M˙sica y una emisiÛn no identificada; parece algo en ·rabe, podrÌa ser Radio El Cairo? (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 0138 UT April 1, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Ahora cerrÛ la emisiÛn pero junto a la m˙sica y a la modulaciÛn en un idioma que no entendÌ; se escuchaba de fondo un top horario continuo, como si fuera una seÒal horaria, pero lo extraÒo es que cuando cerrÛ, la modulaciÛn y la m˙sica desapareciÛ tambiÈn el Top horario?? (Paulero, 0148 UT April 1, ibid.)

AIR Delhi noted with Urdu Service on 9995 instead of 9595 from tune in at 0100 today 1 Apr 2012. They are scheduled till 0430 on this frequency. Must be a punching error on April Fools day. The other day they were noted on 9425 instead of 9595 around this time. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNID broadcast in Chinese on 11300 kHz --- Weak signal in Central Europe, but good in Japan at 2230 UT. Will make pilots and air traffic controllers in NE Africa more than happy. 73, (G¸nter Lorenz, Freising, Germany, March 30, RX: Perseus ANT: ALA1530+SSB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looks as if the station is 24/7. Best heard here at 1100 but does not seem to be parallel with SOH when they are heard when Firedrake goes silent at the TOH. Can others check it to assist with the ID? (Robin L. Harwood, VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 0426 UT April 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11860, March 30 at 0507, weak signal and with 1 kHz tone mixing in it. Aoki and HFCC both have only PBS Xizang, and Iran in Turkish.

11860, March 31 at 0536, again tonight weak signal mixed with 1000 Hz tone. Latest HFCC and Aoki still show nothing but Iran in Turkish and Tibet in Chinese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15190, April 1 at 1859 checking in case R. Africa has reappeared: I am hearing two stations mixing, making a SAH, one of them with bad modulation. At one point I think I hear some Brazilian. The other could be Philippines. At 1932 I am still hearing noisy modulation, maybe only one station now. Bill Bingham, RSA was monitoring this earlier with R. Pilipinas from 1750, then QRM from the distorted station starting at 1826. Maybe it`s really R. Africa trying to make a comeback (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15225, April 1 at 1933, weak RTTY on this approx. frequency, intruding into the middle of the 15 MHz ISWBC band (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Date and time both missing from my original report of this item, but no one noticed before I did April 4: it was 1341 UT March 31: 15425-15445, peaking circa 15432, weak propeller noise, and same pitch heard at 15540-15550. That points to spurs equally emanating from a frequency at the midpoint, circa 15490, but blocked by Firedrake on 15485. So my theory is that the spurs are from V. of Tibet via TAJIKISTAN which Aoki has on 15487 at this hour, amid many other split spots for their jammer-evading jumparounds. Or even from the 15485 Firedrake transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15435, April 4 at 1346, big buzz here altho signal is poor: suspect BSKSA which doesn`t open officially until 1500. Nothing listed at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15467.7-USB, April 4 at 1750, intruding Spanish 2-way, the first word heard being ``coÒo``, soon followed by ``puta``. Only one side heard at first, or else very long pause; 1757 heard ``engine noise`` in background, and mentioned ``cambiar de baterÌa``, poaching or narco-smuggling vessel, I assume (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15585, April 4 at 1400, strong open carrier, goes off a few sex after tunein, uncovering Spain. Maybe was tail of a Firedrake, which jumps all over the place in this range (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15620, April 3 at 1250-1259* unknown language mentioning more than once awr @ adventistsarawak.org which implies there is a site http://adventistsarawak.org --- and so there is, but most of the internal linx don`t work since they have both a forward slant and a backslant after .org! Remove the backslant and some of them do work, but nothing found about SW broadcasts. Benjamin Sim didn`t do a very good job of coding! It`s in English, and nothing about what other languages they might operate in. WRTH is not at all helpful about the languages of Sarawak, ``12 local languages and dialects in Sabah and Sarawak``, but I think the main one in Sarawak is Iban.

I assume this is KSDA? But not scheduled on 15620 at all in latest Aoki or HFCC. However, Aoki says BVBN just started 15620 April 1 in Japanese at 1230-1300 Sunday only, via Tashkent. Nothing on 15620 at this time in today`s HFCC or EiBi A-12.

No 15620 in this complete (?) schedule either, earlier A-12 version:
http://www.bclnews.it/a12schedules/awr.htm
It shows the only AWR languages in use at 1230-1300 on any frequency

from any site are Mandarin, Korean, and Bangla. And no Iban anytime.

What I heard was not in Japanese, and why would they be talking about AWR Sarawak?? Maybe it`s one of those Sri Lanka substitutes during KSDA downtime (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PHILIPPINES 15620

Glenn, The best info I have at present is that AWR-Trincomalee is scheduled for services to Indonesia & Malaysia on 15540 kHz 125 kW from 1100 to 1200 UT. It would look to me like this is a frequency change from 15540 kHz to 15620 kHz. Hope this is helpful, AMP (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR, April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, i.e. as in A-12 schedule:

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TRM 1100 1130 Indonesian W-Indonesia            15540 19 125 1234567
TRM 1130 1200 Sundanese  Indonesia, Malaysia    15540 19 125 1 3 5 7
TRM 1130 1200 Javanese   Indonesia, Malaysia    15540 19 125  2 4 6
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But that would also involve a time change to one hour later. Heard on a Tuesday = day 3, so would have been Sundanese, not a language of Sarawak. But why would they list Sundanese or Javanese as to Malaysia at all? Indonesian however is very close to Malay. Both 15540 at 11-12 and 15620 before 13 need further chex (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1611:
For all you do --- I've relied on the information and insights you've provided on World of Radio and the DXLD discussion group for many years, and I feel it's time I contributed to your work on some small way. Thanks for your tireless efforts in support of the SWL and DXing hobbies! (Larry Cunningham, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED ON FUTURE PROGRAMS:

Thanks to Frederick McGavin in Ireland who sent a contribution in Euro via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com (gh)

Hello, Glenn, I am an SWB listener in New Hampshire, about an hour north of Boston. You provide an incredible amount of SWB information. Keep up the great work! Best regards, (Patrick Jeffery Rye, NH with a contribution in dollars via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

Re 12-13: Larry's attack
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``Well Glenn, There you go again. I have just about reached a point that if you continue to attack religion and the Bible in particular, then I will leave you to read your own website, I won't have anything to do with it. What am I talking about? Your recent reception report from Palau which I have attached. I go to your site for information on shortwave, not to hear "Hippie Glenn's" opinion on politics, religion or anything else. But you just can't keep your mouth shut, Something that has cost you jobs before, can you? I know you hate religion, America and any form of national pride. In my opinion you sir are a college indoctrinated idiot that hasn't a clue. Like I said before, if you continue to make attacks on my religion then your site will be a thing of the past for me and I will encourage others to do the same. (Larry Beth, Bryant, Ar.)``

Hi Glenn, This is an amazing attack. I don't know if Larry Beth contributes financially to DXLD, but having gone back over the past year's DXLD weekly summaries, I am unable to find a single frequency report or contribution from him. I thought the idea of a group such as this was to share information and experiences, learning in the process, but not just to be a parasite and suck information out. As Larry admits, "I go to your site for information", which I suspect does not mean "and to join in".

I use information from other shortwave and medium wave websites without making a direct contribution to them; but I am secure in the knowledge that most of them use DXLD as a source of original material, and in some cases they have even used information from my own logs. And so far as I am concerned, they are welcome to do that.

For most of us, DX'ing is a fun hobby but collating all of that information for publication is real work, and I greatly appreciate the efforts of those who do it. Amongst these I include Glenn for DXLD, and everyone involved in the production of the ubiquitous Aoki and EiBi lists, which we all seem to take for granted. Also, don't forget the PTSW, BDXC and Euro-African Medium Wave Guide lists, the volunteers who (I believe) help with the HFCC list, and the multitude of smaller specialist lists which people have slaved to put together and keep current, with varying degrees of success. Yes, I know I have left out some of the big ones, and apologise; I have cited the ones I personally use.

It is one thing to criticise the views and opinions of individuals or their organisations, but quite another to launch an insulting personal attack on them. This particular attack by Larry stinks of religious fundamentalism. I don't have much time for any organised religion; but it is an equal-opportunity dislike, and I don't just pick on Larry's "the Bible in particular". If I am perceived as more often having a go

at Christianity it is probably because Christian broadcasts are often in English and so I know what they are talking about.

To make matters worse, wherever I tune on shortwave there will likely be a Christian preacher quoting (screeching ?) the bible at me. From my own location in South Africa I certainly hear far more Christian stations than those of any other religion; I would go so far as to say, more than all the other religious stations combined. I feel entitled to comment on this unwelcome intrusion into my listening pleasure, and anyone who finds my own logs offensive is welcome to skip over them.

As for politics, I welcome the political opinions of "ordinary" people like myself living in other countries. I have lived in four countries, three of them politically unstable at the time (I include my current abode in the latter group, despite what foreign media may be reporting). I know how political situations are often misrepresented to the outside world. This misrepresentation can arise in the media, but seems to more often arise from governments and their self-propaganda via state agencies (and especially state broadcasters). The opinions of ordinary people on the ground give a helpful counterbalance which I, for one, find helpful. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA)

WE ARE EIGHT

Dear Friends, This DXLD yahoogroup has just passed its eighth anniversary (April 1, 2004), now with over 600 members.

I think we have the most diverse and helpful group of its kind, with participants all over the world, many with long experience and expertise.

Thanks to everyone for making this such a great place to share DX information!

73, (Glenn Hauser, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NÛs que agradecemos a sua iniciativa e ao seu trabalho inÈdito para o DX. A lista DXLD e o seu boletim s„o os mais atuais e fidedignos instrumentos de ajuda para os dexistas de todo o mundo. ParabÈns a vocÍ e muito obrigado, (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana BA - Brasil, ibid.)

Congratulations Glenn, on eight years of DXLD. Thanks, (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Congratulations on the eighth anniversary of dxldyg! It has

been a great place for me to keep up to date with what is happening on the SW scene and an informative place to interact with the worldwide members. Thank you for providing such a forum! (Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congratulations on this milestone, Glenn! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm glad to be a part of this group, Glenn. I'll be Dxing from the Philippines starting in mid-May. Hope to send regular reports! (Steven Wiseblood, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you very much. You did it, Glenn. Best regards, (Tony Ashar, Indonesia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congratulations to DXLD, I think am a member here since 2004/2005 and enjoyed everyday. Its the most reliable, uptodate mailing list and even most usable DX list I ever met online. I really appreciate all the works GH is doing here and for the DX world, his contributions are uncountable and I wish DXLD a long life. And in the mean time we should congratulate all the members and contributors and thank them - without whom it couldn't be so interesting place to interact with. (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, West Bengal, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Amigo Glenn, ParabÈns por ter tido esta iniciativa, e principalmente por mantÍ-la por estes oito anos. VocÍ tem raz„o quando menciona ser esta a lista mais ˙til que temos no meio dexista. Long life the DXLD !!!!!! (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, My congratulations too for the past eight years of DXLD news. As written, there are so many first class reporters and hobbyists contributing that very little - if anything - escapes notice.

I can't remember when I joined the group but it must have been quite early on. What surprises me is that, when considering the closures there has been of late, there is still lots of news to digest. Long may it continue. Now for the next two years, and then --- who knows! Greetings from (Noel Green, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS A-12

Now fully updated for A-12 times and frequencies:

DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH ON ANALOG SHORTWAVE
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

WORLD OF RADIO SCHEDULE
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html

73, (Glenn Hauser, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CQ-QRP #37

Leaves the room CQ-QRP #37 with fascinating article by academician of The RAS. T. Polyakova about the "Russian woodpecker", Nikola Tesla, the Tungus meteorite, Heating of the ionosphere, the American MISSILE defense system, Six-in-one:
http://www.qrp.ru/cqqrp-magazine/579-cq-qrp-37

"Radio censorship"

http://www.e-reading.org.ua/book.php?book=1003800

In this work the author - Rimantas Pleykis (the former Minister of communications of Lithuania in 1996-1998) considers in detail Radio censorship. Without exaggeration, this article, written in 2002-2003, closes another "white spot" in the confrontation between the two military-political blocs, and reveals the technology of radio censorship (MichaelLevin, Saint-Petersburg, Moscow Information DX Bulletin, Weekly electronic periodical # 782, on March 27, 2012, Editor of the current number: Konstantin Gusev, RusDX via DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY
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INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS

According to "Stamp Magazine" from 18 February 2012 Post Offices in the UK no longer sell International Reply Coupons. These were once the universal "currency" of DXers chasing QSLs (via BDXC-UK)

An International Reply Coupon (IRC) is a device by which a person in one member country of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) can prepay the return airmail postage cost of a letter of a specific maximum weight from a different UPU member country. At the time of writing and in theory at least, IRCs are exchangeable in all countries with the exception of Taiwan. UPU member countries may decide not to sell IRCs, (notably the Netherlands and Sweden, amongst others) but their exchange is compulsory in all countries. (More details at
http://www.g3swh.org.uk/irc.html

and the UPU website) (Mike Terry, UK, March 31, dxldyg via DXLD)

Anyone have the current status of IRCs in the USA? Or about USPOs which won`t sell and/or redeem them? (gh, DXLD)

SOBRE PRIMER DIA, RADIO HABANA CUBA 50 ANIVERSARIO

Recibido en agradecimiento a la sintonÌa de Radio Habana Cuba, y al programa "El Mundo de la Filatelia" el sobre de primer dÌa conmemorativo al 50 aniversario de la emisora; Rosario Lafita Fern·ndez, Jefe de Correspondencia Internacional de Radio Habana Cuba, me habÌa escrito desde principios de aÒo, inform·ndome del envÌo, que hasta ahora llegÛ; lo que me hacia pensar en su extravÌo. Afortunadamente no fue asÌ y hoy puedo tener esta pieza de colecciÛn. Imagen disponible en http://dxdesdecolom bia.blogspot.com/
(Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, condiglist yg via DXLD)

http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/2012/04/sobre-primer-dia-radio-habana-cuba-50.html

MUSEA
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ANDY WALMSLEY`S ARCHIVE CLIPS

Mike Barraclough has found some great archive clips of international and domestic stations in this always excellent radio blog:
http://andywalmsley.blogspot.co.uk
The page in question is at Feb 2011:
http://andywalmsley.blogspot.co.uk/2011/02/radio-listening-in-east-yorkshire.html
(Chrissy Brand, Webwatch, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE MUSIC
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MUSIC FOR DX'ING BY SPUNKLE

I've been listening this morning to Russian Man and Sunspots from the album Music for DX'ing by Spunkle, all of it is available for streaming at the end of a SWL'ing Post blog entry posted today.

Fascinating interview posted with the musician behind Spunkle including the pleasure of listening to the Radio Sweden and other interval signals on HF :)

"Musician James Davies describes his work thus:

Music For DXing is a suite of sixteen songs rooted in the hobby of

listening to the radio. Originally released amongst friends and fans in 2003, Music for DXing mixes the sounds of shortwave with primeval electronica in a drumless, bassless, trebleless midrange landscape of anticipation....

I've listened to Music For DXing on the label's website ñ it's a form of musical minimalism and experimentalism, layering analog and synth sounds into an atmospheric whole, full of sonic texture that incorporates and celebrates radio's unique sound characteristics...

After listening to "Music for DXing," I was intrigued, and had a few more questions for Davies; he was kind enough to provide the following interview. Full post:
http://swling.com/blog/2012/04/shortwave-and-the-art-of-music-an-interview-with-musician-james-davies/
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See AUSTRALIA; BELGIUM non; CUBA non;
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ROMANIA; RUSSIA; SPAIN non; UK; VATICAN; UNIDENTIFIED 6060

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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CODAR, HAARP AND OTHER HF RADAR INFO

CODAR infos --- Very interesting and important infos about CODAR:
http://www.oceanologyinternational.com/files/Advances_in_HF_Radar_Technology___A_Martirena_CODAR.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/bandwacht/diverses/buoys.pdf
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http://www.airpower.at/news03/0613_stealth/index.html?http&&&www.airpower.at/news03/0613_stealth/stealth4.htm

http://www.iarums-r1.org/bandwacht/diverses/militaer.pdf
http://www.iarums-r1.org/bandwacht/diverses/tiger.pdf

http://www.alaska-info.de/a-z/haarp/alaska_haarp1.html
http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/
http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/HAARP

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/‹berhorizontradar
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

PICTURES OF JAMMING EQUIPMENT AND SITES IN FORMER SOVIET BLOC NATION

http://www.radiojamming.puslapiai.lt/photo.htm

Many interesting pictures at this site. Sent to me by Ralph Cameron VE3BBM (Harold Sellers, ODXA yg via DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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Post sunset by WCKY 1530 and WQEW 1560 [Re 12-13]

Glenn, Note that these two frequencies were those added to the AM band in the 1940s, and this may be part of the reason for the unusual post-sunset operation. (WQEW was originally W2XR as an "experimental high fidelity station" before it became WQXR.)

1080 Hartford also had a similar provision for operation until SS Dallas at one time, as a result of the FCC's actions in the reallocation of some of the clear-channel stations right after WWII. KWJJ in Portland was moved from (I believe) 1040 to 1080 as a part of that case, and I have a copy of the FCC order in my files.

The FCC's CDBS database shows the WCKY situation, but does not mention the WQEW one when you pull it up using the utility "AM Query." There is at least one station which operates with different nighttime DA patterns depending upon which pattern is in use by WQEW. Situations like this, as well as various share time operations of one sort or another which still exist, are hard to locate in the FCC databases, and sometime can be determined only by looking at the actual engineering files at FCC to read what the licenses themselves - which are the determining documents - actually say. This causes occasional interesting disputes when applicants (and naÔve lawyers and engineers) don't do their homework (Ben Dawson, WA, Hatfield-Dawson, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OPERATION PARALLAX

April 1, 1979: London's Capital Radio announced that Operation Parallax would soon go into effect. This was a government plan to resynchronize the British calendar with the rest of the world. It was explained that ever since 1945 Britain had gradually become 48 hours ahead of all other countries because of the constant switching back and forth from British Summer Time. To remedy this situation, the British government had decided to cancel April 5 and 12 that year.

Capital Radio received numerous calls as a result of this announcement. One employer wanted to know if she had to pay her employees for the missing days. Another woman was curious about what would happen to her birthday, which fell on one of the cancelled days.

http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool/P30
(via Mike Terry, APRIL 1, dxldyg via DXLD)

DDST in RUSSIA?

Russia: Once again the country will turn its clocks one hour forward commencing April 1st making double daylight saving time Russia 's new standard time. However, Russian broadcast stations will only move 30 minutes forward in solidarity with their friends from India (Bin Wright-UK via Union of Left-handed Socialist DXíers, NASWA Flashsheet APRIL 1, via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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END OF THE GRAND SOLAR MAXIMUM
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/march2012/end_of_the_grand_solar_maximum.htm

Luke Barnard of the University of Reading says the recent decline in the open magnetic flux of the Sun heralds the end of the Grand Solar Maximum (GSM) that has persisted throughout the space age.

Isotopes in ice sheets and tree rings tell us that this grand solar maximum is one of 24 during the last 9300 years and suggest the high levels of solar magnetic field seen over the space age will reduce in future. This decline will cause a reduction in sunspot numbers and explosive solar events, but those events that do take place could be more damaging.

Luke Barnard presented his paper at the National Astronomy Meeting NAM2012 held at the University of Manchester March 27-30.

Read Luke's paper 'Predicting space climate change' at
http://www.agu.org/pubs/current/si/links/2011GL048489.pdf

Royal Astronomical Society press release
Solar 'climate change' could cause rougher space weather
http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/meetings/nam2012/pressreleases/nam12.html

Read the Daily Mail newspaper article
'Climate change' in the sun could leave Earth at the mercy of violent solar storms and cosmic ray blasts
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2121707/Climate-change-sun-lead-worse-solar-storms-40-years--aircraft-built-cope.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) shux

DES WALSH AND THE PULSES, etc.

I note the wideband slow pulse that I have been harping on about for quite some time has ëgone on holidayí once more, third time now in less than a year. Last disappeared in mid January it ceased again on March 14, was still off on 22nd of the month (donít have extensive antenna facility at relations` house). Usually it ceases for 10 to 15 days so I will be interested to see if it returns in the next few days. At least I can now hear BBC World Service on 21470 kHz without the annoying pulse noise. Still a mystery to me as to origin, purpose and technology behind the pulse transmissions.

I see that the old Marconi works in New Street, Chelmsford, Essex is in a very dilapidated state and in danger of vandalisation being unsecured, and there are talks of possibility of English Heritage rescuing it. I worked there for about a year and a half in the late 60ís when it was a hive of activity.

I remember seeing a huge UHF transmitter being constructed there for BBC in Northern Ireland and in a nearby works several Land Rover based mobile surveillance radars being constructed for a certain North African country ruled by a young military officer by the name of Khadaffi! I had a Honda 50 as transport then and often used to head to London on it to go to the radio/electronics shops around the capital. Would not choose that form of transport now. GOO 64B was the registration.

For about three weeks from about Feb 20 HF conditions above 25 MHz improved dramatically and the 10 metre Amateur and 27 MHz CB areas opened up most days with strong signals. However an ominous scenario of interference in the form of huge number of Russian taxicab transmissions appeared from about 25.0 MHz right up to the higher end of the 10 metre Amateur band. Most appeared on frequencies in 5 kHz and with the usual tone pip at the end of transmissions. It appears that certain manufacturers of amateur/CB equipment are busy selling into this ënicheí market in Russia and other east European countries. The authorities are obviously sitting on their hands whilst the blatant disregard of international regulations continues and legitimate users of the Amateur, Broadcast, CB, Marine etc allocations have to listen to all the Eastern Olgas directing taxicabs !!

Of course on the normal broadcast bands I still notice much intrusion by various types of transmissions. In the 6 and 7 MHz there are many RTTY signals to be heard regularly and a few transient SSB trawlers and others.

I have also noticed STANAG digital signals sounding like a diesel engine, in the areas of 7056 and 7372 kHz same sound as one on 6972 kHz, but only for a day. I have also heard OTHR (radar) pulses a number of times in the 21 MHz band 21735-21765 kHz, 21685-21715 kHz

for instance. Another strange noise was on March 14 a wideband pulse train on 11.9 to 12.6 MHz, centred about 12.16 MHz, thatís WWCR territory, did a transmitter go faulty?

Now that so many broadcasters have left shortwave I am amazed to hear so many frequencies in the 6 and 7 MHz regions with weak signals (other than CRI) especially in the afternoons coming from Asia but in languages I cannot identify, many of a Chinese tonal nature. I wonder if they are for domestic coverage as listening to the pirate stations in daytime around 6.9-7 MHz and above 6.2 MHz shows that quite strong signals can be received in the 100 to 1500 mile zone with relatively low powers.

Again I cannot understand why BBC World Service, DW, RFI and other broadcasters could not have left a few low powered transmitters on the 6/7/9 MHz bands using 1 to 5 kW for those of us wanting radio away from PCs ,iPods, iPhones etc. Given a Clear channel wide range can be achieved with low costs. No, they expect us to ëgo on-line and listení. I had my Google internet ëhijackedí recently for about 4 hours so that I could be introduced to Microsoft Internet Explorer 9, no thank you . If I have to go to a keyboard and tap, tap, tap to listen to radio no thank you, itís back to reading a book/magazine/newspaper (on real paper!).

I often tune across the VHF FM band here to see what dreadful pirate activity is around but sometimes I get caught by the unprofessional temporary stations. The latest was a very amateurish attempt with much hesitation, stumbling and aahs/ums all over the place. From a college training communicators of all people. Some of these stations appear on-air without warning, even not mentioned on the bci.ie website I notice, and must have an audience in the low tens.

The calm weather pattern with high pressure in recent days has brought extended FM coverage but it is difficult to hear anything her now with the band very full with all the local signals and relays. Extensive aerial array and rotator would be required to winkle any long-distance signals out. I did hear a few stations recently from northern Spain in the 106-107 MHz area where thereís little activity but nothing anywhere else in the 87.5-108 MHz band from Spain. This was an instance on a very defined frequency and direction example of tropospheric ducting.

I remember may years ago when the UHF TV networks were coming on air in the UK getting strong signals from a relay in the Scilly Is at about 1500 ft above sea level with little else, and nothing a few miles away at sea level. Ducting at specific height in addition. Also in the past getting Group A from London for an evening in SE Ireland, severe directional ducting. Come to think of it, many years ago when

trying for channel 5 VHF for BBC (Wenvoe) there would be times a double picture from France (405 lines x 2 nearly = France 819 lines) with no sound! (Des Walsh, an Ireland, Making Contact, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

TUTORIAL ON PROPAGATION

Ken Fletcher suggests this by Edwin C. Jones in Knoxville. ``It seems sensible to me and worth `digesting` the indigestible.``
http://www.ecjones.org/propag.html
(Chrissy Brand, Webwatch, April BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity began the period at quiet levels on 26 March and the first half of 27 March. Beginning around 0900 UTC on 27 March, conditions increased to unsettled levels over the next 12 hours, as the result of a sustained period of southward Bz near -13nT. Shortly prior to 1800 UTC, a transition in polarity (SSBC) was observed at the onset of weak Coronal Hole (CH) high speed stream, with the NOAA planetary network of ground magnetometers recording active levels over the next 9 hours so, ending at 0600 UTC on 28 March. Individual high latitude stations recorded minor storm levels simultaneously. From midday 28 March through the end of the period on 01 April, geomagnetic activity remained at quiet levels.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 02 APRIL - 28 APRIL 2012

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels throughout the period with a slight chance for M-class flare activity. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels from 02 April through 13 April. Flux values are forecast to increase to high levels on 14 April and persist through 18 April, as the result of CH high speed stream effects. Flux values are expected to return to normal and moderate levels on 19 April, and remain so through the duration of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to begin the period at mostly quiet conditions and remain so through 03 April. On 04 April, quiet to unsettled conditions are expected as a small positive polarity CH is expected to move into a favorable position for a day or so. Predominately quiet conditions are expected again from 05 -10 April. On 11 April, high speed stream effects from recurrent negative polarity CH are forecast to bring unsettled and active conditions at mid latitudes and possible minor storm levels at high latitudes. This activity is expected to persist for 3 to 4 days. From 15 April through 23 April, conditions are expected to return to predominately quiet levels. A recurrent positive polarity CH is anticipated on 24 - 25 April, and is expected to increase activity to unsettled conditions.

Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions are expected from 26 April through the end of the period.

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Issued 2012-04-02
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2012 Apr 02	110	5	2
2012 Apr 03	115	5	2
2012 Apr 04	125	8	3
2012 Apr 05	130	5	2
2012 Apr 06	130	5	2
2012 Apr 07	130	5	2
2012 Apr 08	130	5	2
2012 Apr 09	120	5	2
2012 Apr 10	110	5	2
2012 Apr 11	105	8	3
2012 Apr 12	100	12	4
2012 Apr 13	100	15	4
2012 Apr 14	100	10	3
2012 Apr 15	100	5	2
2012 Apr 16	100	5	2
2012 Apr 17	100	5	2
2012 Apr 18	100	5	2
2012 Apr 19	100	5	2
2012 Apr 20	100	5	2
2012 Apr 21	100	5	2
2012 Apr 22	100	5	2
2012 Apr 23	105	5	2
2012 Apr 24	105	10	3
2012 Apr 25	110	8	3
2012 Apr 26	110	5	2
2012 Apr 27	110	5	2
2012 Apr 28	110	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1611, DXLD)

THE NZ4O HF/6M (120-11 METERS) RADIOWAVE PROPAGATION FORECAST #2012-15

has been published at 0000 UTC on Friday April 06, 2012, valid 0000 UTC Saturday April 07, 2012 through 2359 UTC Friday April 13, 2012.

Note! This forecast is based upon quiet solar, space and geomagnetic weather conditions. Geomagnetic storming Kp-5> and energetic proton storms >10 MeV (10+0) can at times render the forecast temporarily inaccurate.

FORECASTED NORTHERN HEMISPHERE GLOBAL HF CONDITIONS-
Low Latitude- Normal
Mid Latitude- Normal
High Latitude- Normal

FORECASTED SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE GLOBAL HF CONDITIONS-
Low Latitude- Normal
Mid Latitude- Normal
High Latitude- Normal

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE 80, 60, 40, 30 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE 80, 60, 40, 30 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE 20, 17, 15 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE 20, 17, 15 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Good

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE 12, 10 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE 12, 10 METERS-
East -> West To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good

West -> East To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
South -> North To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good
North -> South To 2000 Mi/3200 km- Fair To Good

HF Propagation Forecast Scale-
Excellent S9+1 Or Better
Good S7-S9
Fair S4-S6
Poor S1-S3
None S0

From the Northern Hemisphere-

(TA) Trans Atlantic, (TI) Trans Indian, (TP) Trans Pacific and cross Equatorial HF propagation conditions greater than 2000 mi/3200 km will be fair to good on 80, 60, 40 and 30 meters, good on 20, 17, 15 and fair to good on 12 and 10 meters.

From the Southern Hemisphere-

(TA) Trans Atlantic, (TI) Trans Indian, (TP) Trans Pacific and cross Equatorial HF propagation conditions greater than 2000 mi/3200 km will be fair to good on 80, 60, 40 and 30 meters, good on 20, 17, 15 and fair to good on 12 and 10 meters.

GLOBAL 50-54 MC (6 meter) PROPAGATION MODES EXPECTED FORECAST-

F2- None
Sporadic E (Es)- Yes
Aurora E High Latitude- Yes
Aurora E Mid Latitude- No
Troposphere Ducting- Yes
Trans Equatorial (TE) F2/F3- Yes
Meteor Scatter- No, excluding random meteors, lightning bolt plasma channels, space junk and alien spacecraft.

Meter Band Equivalents

Ham	SWL
160	90
80	75
60	60
40	49, 41
30	31, 25
20	22, 19
17	16, 15
15	13

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